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BELGRADE PREPARES FOR AIR RAIDS: NAZIS MASSING ON FRONTIER

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, APR. 3 (UP).—RADIO BELGRADE ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED BELGRADE AN OPEN CITY AND THERE WILL BE A BLACK OUT TO-NIGHT WHEN THE SIRENS SOUND. IT IS RUMOURED IN MANY QUARTERS THAT THE GERMANS ARE CONCENTRATING AN AIR FORCE NEAR THE YUGO-SLAV FRONTIER.

200,000 Nazi Troops Massed on Border

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (UP).—Balkan travellers cabled to the "United Press," eyewitness reports that Germany has massed over 200,000 crack troops in Rumania near the Yugo-Slavian frontier. A very reliable eyewitness said that the Nazi forces are concentrated mainly along a 100 mile stretch of the frontier from Timisoara to Turnu-Severin.

MARIBOR AIR RAID ALARM

ZAGREB, Apr. 3 (UP).—The air raid alarm sounded for a few minutes at noon time to-day at Maribor when a foreign fighter plane flew over the town at a very high altitude and disappeared after anti-aircraft guns had opened fire.

NAZIS APPRECIATE SERIOUSNESS

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—An authorised German military source said to-day that the British may have landed a total of 350,000 troops in Greece. He indicated that the High Command appreciated the seriousness of the Balkan outlook. He asserted that Australian and New Zealand troops had taken up positions in north Greece facing the Yugo-Slavian and Bulgarian frontiers.

Hungary's New Premier

Dr Laszlo Bardessy Appointed

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Hungarian Premiership, left vacant by the death of Count Paul Teleki, has been offered by Admiral Horthy, the Regent, to Dr Laszlo de Bardessy, who has accepted, says a Budapest telegram to the officials German news agency.

Dr Bardessy was the Hungarian Foreign Minister. He is well-known in diplomatic circles in London, where for a number of years he was Counsellor to the Legation and Charge d'Affaires. He left London in 1934 to become Hungarian Minister in Bucharest.

Teleki's Suicide
VICHY, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Count Teleki shot himself through the right temple with a pistol says a Budapest dispatch.

Victim of Tripartite Pact
LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Count Paul Teleki, the Hungarian Prime Minister, was the first victim of the Tripartite Pact.

He committed suicide because he "could not carry on his difficult and unhappy task," says "Reuter".

Diplomatic Correspondent
This burden was entirely due to German pressure on Hungary to break with Yugo-Slavia.

One of Count Teleki's proudest successes was his agreement with Yugo-Slavia, removing the causes of political friction between the two countries and establishing a basis of peaceful collaboration in mutual confidence and economic understanding.

Friendship With Yugo-Slavia
Germany evidently cannot tolerate friendship between her usual, Hungary, and independent, spirited Yugo-Slavia and Count Teleki, who had shown courage and conscientiousness in administration, felt the struggle between his principles and German

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GESTAPO'S REPRISALS

More Americans In Berlin Arrested

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—At least seven, and possibly more, United States citizens were arrested during the night. Nazis admitted the action was "not impossible," a reprisal for the seizure of German ships in United States ports.

The police intimated that all have been released, some during the late evening and others this morning, after they had been held incommunicado at the Alexander Platz headquarters of the Gestapo.

All seven men have resided in Germany for a considerable time, the majority of them being students, engaged in no gainful occupation. The Rev. Stewart Herman, Pastor of the American Church in Berlin was also arrested in his apartment Wednesday evening but was quickly released.

British Troops Evacuate Benghazi—Official Report

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Apr. 3 (UP).—It is officially announced that British troops have evacuated Benghazi, which they captured on February 6. To-day's General Headquarters communique states: "In Libya, our forward troops were withdrawn to positions north of Agedabia. This movement was followed up by enemy mechanised forces."

MATSUOKA TO CONFER WITH HIS ENVOYS

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Matsuoka, is scheduled to arrive here on Friday and will stay in Berlin until Sunday. The most important feature of his stay will be the conference he has called which will be attended by Japanese Ambassadors, Ministers and Charge d'Affaires in Europe, with the exception of the Ambassadors to Rome, London and Moscow.

Virtually all of these diplomats are now in Berlin, including the Ambassadors to Vichy and Ankara.

Leaves Rome
ROME, Apr. 3 (UP).—Mr Matsuoka, enroute for Germany at the St Paul station on the outskirts of the city at 10 a.m. and was hidden farewell by Count Ciano as well as Government and diplomatic officials.

Plans Abandoned
LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Japanese spokesman indicated that Mr Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, has abandoned his plans to meet Mr Matsuoka at Vichy because the latter's time-table makes it impossible.

Statement Resented
CANNBERRA, Apr. 3 (UP).—Representative F. H. Stewart in the House to-day, replying to Mr Matsuoka, declared: "If the statement that Japan will support the Axis under all circumstances is the official view of the Japanese Government, then a disservice has been done to any hopes for peace."

Situation Discussed
WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day discussed the Balkan situation with the Yugo-Slavian and Hungarian Ministers.

Matchek Accepts
BELGRADE, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Croat Leader, Dr Vladimir Matchek, has accepted the Vice-Premiership in the new Yugo-Slav Government. It is officially announced.

Dr Matchek is leaving Zagreb for Belgrade where he will join the Simovitch Cabinet as Vice-Premier, confident that every effort will be made to preserve peace.

In an interview, he said: "I consider it my duty to do all I can to maintain peace—the supreme benefit of humanity—and I have a profound conviction that the present leaders of Serbia and the people of Serbia are as sincerely for peace as I am."

NEW DELHI, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The grand total of the subscribers to the All-India Defence Loans up to March 29, 1941, was over £40,500,000.

EIREAN SHIPS ATTACKED

By Nazi Planes

DUBLIN, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Eire had suffered from the Nazi attacks on shipping, Mr Eamon de Valera revealed in the Dail to-day.

During the last four weeks, he stated, one Irish vessel had been sunk and three others were attacked. In all cases, the aircraft were identified as German and the Eire Charge d'Affaires in Berlin had been instructed to protest and demand compensation.

Asked if he would make immediate and urgent representations to the United States to remove restrictions on United States shipping to Eire, Mr de Valera replied that such representations were made in the early stage of the war unsuccessfully.

They had made offers to purchase United States vessels and had asked the United States authorities to facilitate them in obtaining the necessary licences.

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—A further gift of £10,000 from the British government in China, making a total of £122,000, is acknowledged with grateful thanks by the Minister for Aircraft Production.

America Requests Recall of Italian Naval Attache From Washington

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The United States Government to-day demanded that the Italian Government withdraw their Naval Attache from Washington as a result of his alleged complicity in the sabotage of Italian ships in United States harbours.

The note sent by Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to Prince Colonna, Italian Ambassador, requested the withdrawal of Admiral Alberto Lais as *persona non grata*.

Mr Hull announced that the President had come to this conclusion and in reply to a question, indicated that the case of German diplomats may be under consideration.

Mr Hull's note said, "various facts and circumstances come to the attention of the United States Government concerning Admiral Lais and the commissioner of certain persons' acts violating the laws of the United States."

Consulates Question
It is noteworthy that no reply has been received to the United States note of March 5 requesting the Italian Government to close the Italian Consulates at Newark and Detroit.

"Reuter" says that Mr Cordell Hull's note demands the immediate recall of Admiral Lais, who is "non persona grata to this Government as naval attache. His continued presence here would no longer be agreeable to this Government."

Italy Loses Two More Destroyers

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The sinking of two more Italian destroyers is reported in an Admiralty communique.

It says that the C-11-C, East Indies, reports that an Italian destroyer was sunk by naval aircraft and another left in a sinking condition. Both these destroyers recently left Massawa.

These enemy losses, adds the communique, are additional to the Italian destroyer of the Panthera class, the destruction of which was announced on Wednesday.

MINESWEEPER V. DORNERS

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—A spirited and successful action was fought on Wednesday between the British paddle minesweeper Lorna Doode (Temporary Lieutenant T. W. Sherrin, R.N.V.R.) and three Dornier bombers.

One enemy aircraft is believed destroyed, a second was seen to be badly hit and the third escaped.

The only casualties in the Lorna Doode were two wounded. The ship sustained only superficial damage, states the Admiralty communique.

Locust's Success
LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The British gumbot Locust shot down one enemy aircraft and badly damaged another. Her gunners also secured a hit on a third enemy aircraft, all during an attack on a British convoy in the Thames estuary on Thursday morning.

SINGAPORE, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The latest instalment from the Straits Settlements Bomber Fund this week to the British Treasury of £19,575 makes the total to date £200,000, which is more than sufficient to purchase two squadrons of bombers.

Release of Many Aliens In Britain and Empire

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Half of the 27,000 enemy aliens detained in Britain and the Dominions have obtained their freedom under the White Paper publishing the categories of those eligible for release.

The latest figures of releases is 13,500, of whom approximately 1,800 are Italians and the remainder Germans and Austrians. Six thousand of those detained went to Australia and Canada, and many hundreds of these also will now enjoy their liberty.

Between 8,000 and 9,000 enemy aliens are still interned in Britain and 5,000 overseas.

Nearly 2,000 were freed to enable them to enlist in the Pioneer Corps.

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Yarnell May Become High Commissioner

By JULIUS C. EDELSTEIN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP).—Political circles are speculating on the possibility of a new High Commissioner to the Philippines being named, although nothing is known as to whether the present High Commissioner, Mr. Francis B. Sayre, would be recalled, and both American and Philippine official quarters decline to comment on the subject.

American official sources state that they know nothing of the matter except what has been published in the press.

Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, former Ambassador to Britain, is reported to have been recently contacted with reference to the Philippines post, but he is said to be not enthusiastic.

Prominent among those who are mentioned as a possible successor to Mr. Sayre is Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, former commander of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet.

It was reported recently that the Department of the Interior was considering recalling Mr. Sayre to a counselor's post in Washington.

U.S. Axis Holdings

Washington, Apr. 3. A survey reveals that American investments in Germany aggregate \$228,000,000. America also holds German bonds valued at \$105,000,000 and \$25,000,000 in short term paper. American investments in Italy total \$70,000,000 in direct holdings and \$72,000,000 in Italian bonds. German investments in American bonds and stocks are valued at \$100,000,000 and she holds \$9,000,000 in short term paper. Italy's holdings in America are \$22,000,000 in stocks and bonds, \$12,000,000 in direct investments and \$22,000,000 in real estate and mortgages.—United Press.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

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By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,

Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says:

The market continues firm and fairly active.

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,350
Bank of East Asia \$71
Canton Ind. \$225
Wharves \$88
Providents \$5.45
Hotels X.D. \$3
Lands \$33.25
Humphreys \$6.80
Realities \$3.15
Trams \$16.60
Yau-mall Ferries \$23.75
Lights "O" \$6.20
Lights "N" \$1.75
Electricity "N" \$25.25
Electric Rts \$15.25
Macao Electricity "O" \$18.50
Macao Electricity "N" \$17.50
Telephones "O" \$23.50
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Cements \$18
Ropes \$7.50
Dairy Farms X.D. \$17.25

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H.K. Banks \$1,305
Union Ins. \$432.50
Docks "O" \$16/18.15
Providents \$5.45/5.50
Trams \$16/75
Yau-mall Ferries \$24
Lights "O" \$6.20
Electricity "O" X. Rts. \$26.30
Watson X. D. \$9.90/10-

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V.D.M.A., St Andrew's Branch Meeting

The hope that more people would join the Victoria Diocesan Missionaries' Association, St Andrew's Branch, was voiced last night when the annual meeting of the Association was held in the Vicarage of St Andrew's Church, Kowloon. Rev. H. A. Whitcomb, Vicar, presided, supported by Dr. K. H. Wiley, Hon. Secretary and Mrs. Bird, Hon. Treasurer.

Major Wells, of the Salvation Army Home, gave an interesting talk on the work of the Missionaries in the interior.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Compositions of Rimsky-Korsakov.

May Night—Overture by Albert Coates; Song of the Viking Guest (from "Sakko")... Theodore Challa-ping (Bass) with Orchestra; Capriccio Espagnol, Op. 34; Alborada-Variazioni-Alborada-Scena e canto gitano-Fandango asturiano. The Lamoureux Orchestra of Paris; Chanson Hindoue (from "Sakko")... Alessandro Kou-bitzky (Tenor) with Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Turner Layton (Vocal) and Harold Ramsay (Organ).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Popular Film Selections.

"Bitter Sweet"—Selection... Jack Hyllton and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Wanting You; Lower Come Back To Me (both from "The Moon"—Romberg)... Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Piano acc.; "Balalaika"—Selection... New May-fair Orchestra; Life is a Dream ("The Southerner")... Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 A French Variety Programme.

6.40 Studio—Talk on The National Association for the Care of War Orphans by Dr. Irene Ho Chen.

6.45 French Variety Programme continued.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.30 Dance Music.

8.00 Local Time Signal.

8.02 An Hour of English Variety.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Request Classical Programme.

1312 Overture (Tchaikovsky)... The Philharmonic Orchestra with the Ural Cossacks' Choir; Spanish Dance (Granados)... Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano; And Moon of My Delight ("In a Persian Garden"—Lohmann)... Tudor Davies (Tenor) with Orchestra; Hungarian Dance No. 11 in D Minor (Brahms)... Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano acc.; Acceleration—Waltz (Joh. Strauss)... Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—"Correspondence Column" by Sidney Hornblow.

10.15 Request Classical Programme cont'd.

"Ruy Blas"—Overture (Mendelssohn)... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent; Spring Had Come ("Hawatha"—Coleridge-Taylor)... Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra; A Trumpet Voluntary (for Brass and Organ) (Purcell)... Sir

Mrs. John R. Shaw, wife of the former general agent in Manila of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, died last week at St. Paul's Hospital, a victim of Pulmonary pneumonia.

Hamilton Hartly cond. the Halle Orchestra. Solo Trumpet: Alex. Harris; Organist: Harold Dawber; Onaway! Awake! Beloved ("Hawatha"—Coleridge-Taylor)... Tudor Davies (Tenor) with Orchestra; Molly on The Shore (Grainger)... Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden; Brahms' Waltzes Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Op. 39... Anatole Kitaini; Invitation to the Waltz, Op. 65 (Weber)... Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra; Let The Bright Seraphim ("Samson"—Handel)... Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra; Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92 (Beethoven); 3rd Movement Only—Presto... Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

11.00 Close Down.

Woman Novelist Drowns

London, Apr. 3. Mrs. Virginia Woolf, the noted essayist and novelist, is feared by her family to have been drowned in the River Ouse, near Lewes, Sussex, where she and her husband, Mr. Leonard S. Woolf, lived. The husband said last night: "Mrs. Woolf is presumed to be dead. She went for a walk on Friday, leaving a letter behind and it is thought that she has been drowned. Her body has, however, not been recovered."

Mrs. Woolf was one of the most remarkable writers of her time, who developed a literary technique that attracted world-wide attention.

Mrs. Virginia Woolf was the sister-in-law of Lady Southern, wife of the Governor of Gambia and former Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, who wrote under the name Bella Sydney Woolf.

Governor May Go To Admiralty House

It was learned from the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, yesterday that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, suggested the possibility of moving to Admiralty House owing to serious damage sustained by Government House following tunnelling under the grounds in connection with A.R.P. work. No final date as to the removal had been decided yet.

When asked whether Government House would be demolished, Mr. Smith said that no decision had been reached.

Admiralty House was formerly the residence of the late Sir Paul Chater, one of the pioneers of Hongkong, and was then known as Marble Hall. Sir Paul left the property in his will to the Government of Hongkong to use in whatever manner they desired, and for some years it has been the official residence of the Naval Commander-in-Chief.

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ORPHANS OF WAR Children's Day Effort

Dr. Irene Tseng (formerly Miss Ho Tung) will make an appeal over ZBW at 6.40 p.m. to-day, which is International Children's Day on behalf of the Chinese war orphans who are being cared for by the National Association of War Orphans.

There are thirty thousand such children being looked after in 60 odd orphanages in various parts of Free China. Six hundred orphans have passed through the hands of the Hongkong Branch of the Association, which has been open since May, 1938. The first orphanage here was established in a Chinese hospital opposite the Un Long Government School. The building was loaned to the Association through the generosity of the village elders of Un Long, and later, through the efforts of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, two blocks of the Government Civil Hospital were used as the second and third orphanages, so that accommodation was found for the four hundred children, including the two hundred brought down here from Hankow after the fall of that city.

Later another orphanage for older children was opened in Shui-kwan by Mrs. Li Han-yun wife of the Provincial Governor, and over a hundred of the older children were transferred from Hongkong in the summer of 1939. These children are given vocational training.

Mr. Aw Boon Haw has built a permanent orphanage at Fanling, and even before the buildings and equipment were ready the children moved in, on February 20, 1940. When the evacuation scheme started in Hongkong in July, 1940, 269 children were sent to Kwelyang, via Kwang Chow Wan, between July and August. They are now happily housed in a temple at Tung Chih, outside Kwelyang. After their arrival in the interior, 31 children were claimed by their relatives, while 21 went into apprenticeship in various factories. Meanwhile twenty odd children, who were exceptionally weak and delicate, were kept in Hongkong, and are now being cared for at the Italian Convent, on behalf of, and at the expense of the Hongkong Branch of the National Association for War Orphans.

Traffic Accidents

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories, during the week ending 6 a.m. last Saturday, there were altogether 78 traffic accidents, as the result of which two persons were killed and 19 were injured.

Of the accidents, 30 were collisions between vehicles, 27 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians, and 15 were due to other causes.

MONSTER RAFFLE

SALE of TICKETS CLOSES NOON WEDNESDAY APRIL 9.

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The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Canton.....Apr. 5.
Sandakan.....Apr. 5.
Sandakan.....Apr. 5.
Java and Manila.....Apr. 7.
Swatow.....Apr. 7.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 1st April.....Apr. 8.
Canton.....Apr. 8.
Straits and India.....Apr. 14.
Overseas Airways Service (complete Mail) by Sea from Singapore date, 1st April.....Apr. 8.
Rangoon.....Apr. 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 21st March).....Apr. 19.
Calcutta and Straits.....Apr. 11.
Australia and Manila.....Apr. 12.
Japan and Manila.....Apr. 14.
Rangoon and Straits.....Apr. 14.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th April.....Apr. 15.
Rangoon and Straits.....Apr. 16.
United Kingdom and Straits Apr. 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco date, 19th March).....Apr. 19.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

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Friday, April 4

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America, and United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for United Kingdom.)

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Reg.Apr. 4, 4 p.m.

Ord.Apr. 4, 4.30 p.m.

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K.F.O.

Reg.Apr. 4, 4 p.m.

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Saturday, April 5

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Straits.....5.30 p.m.

Monday, April 7

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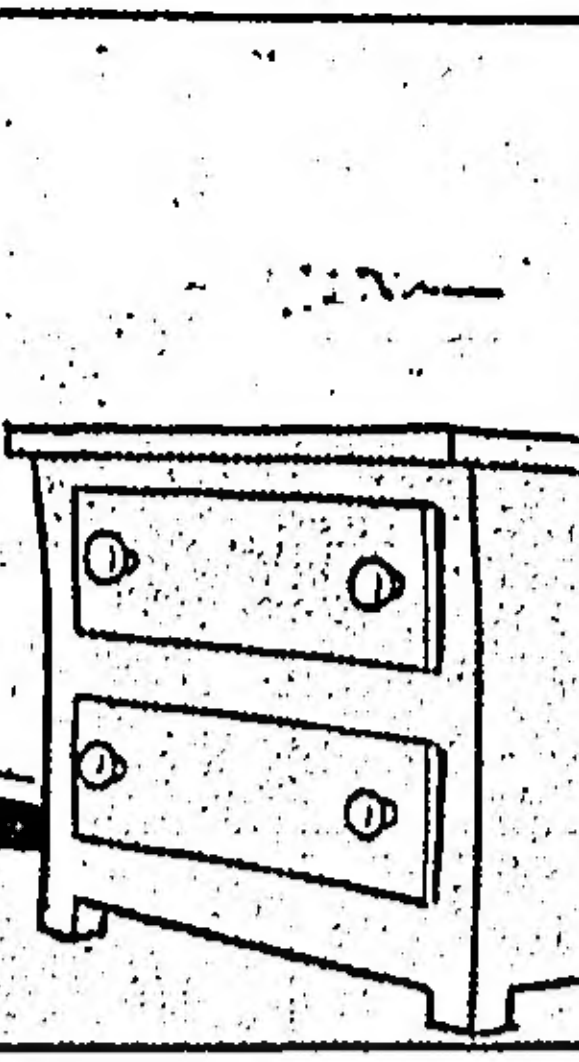
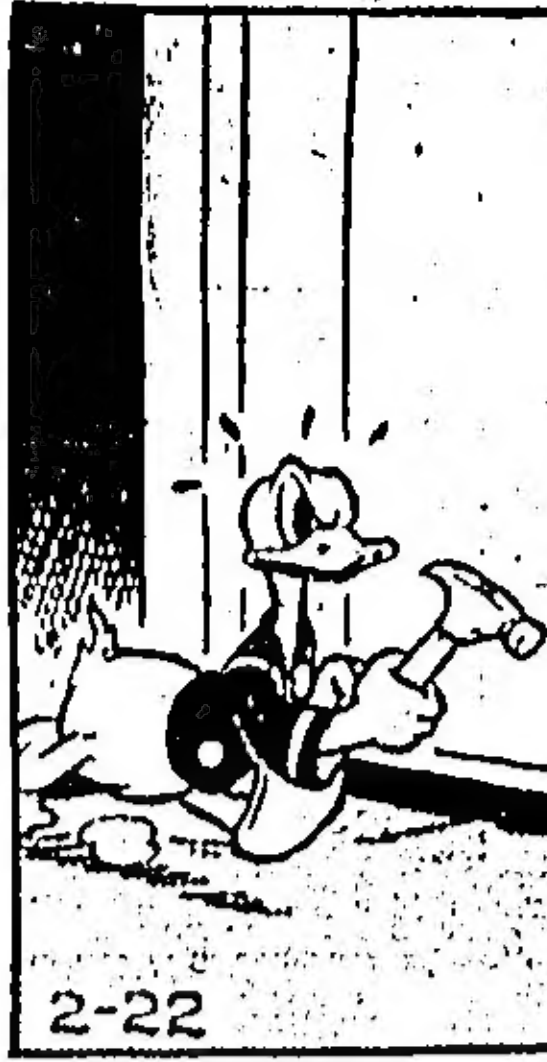
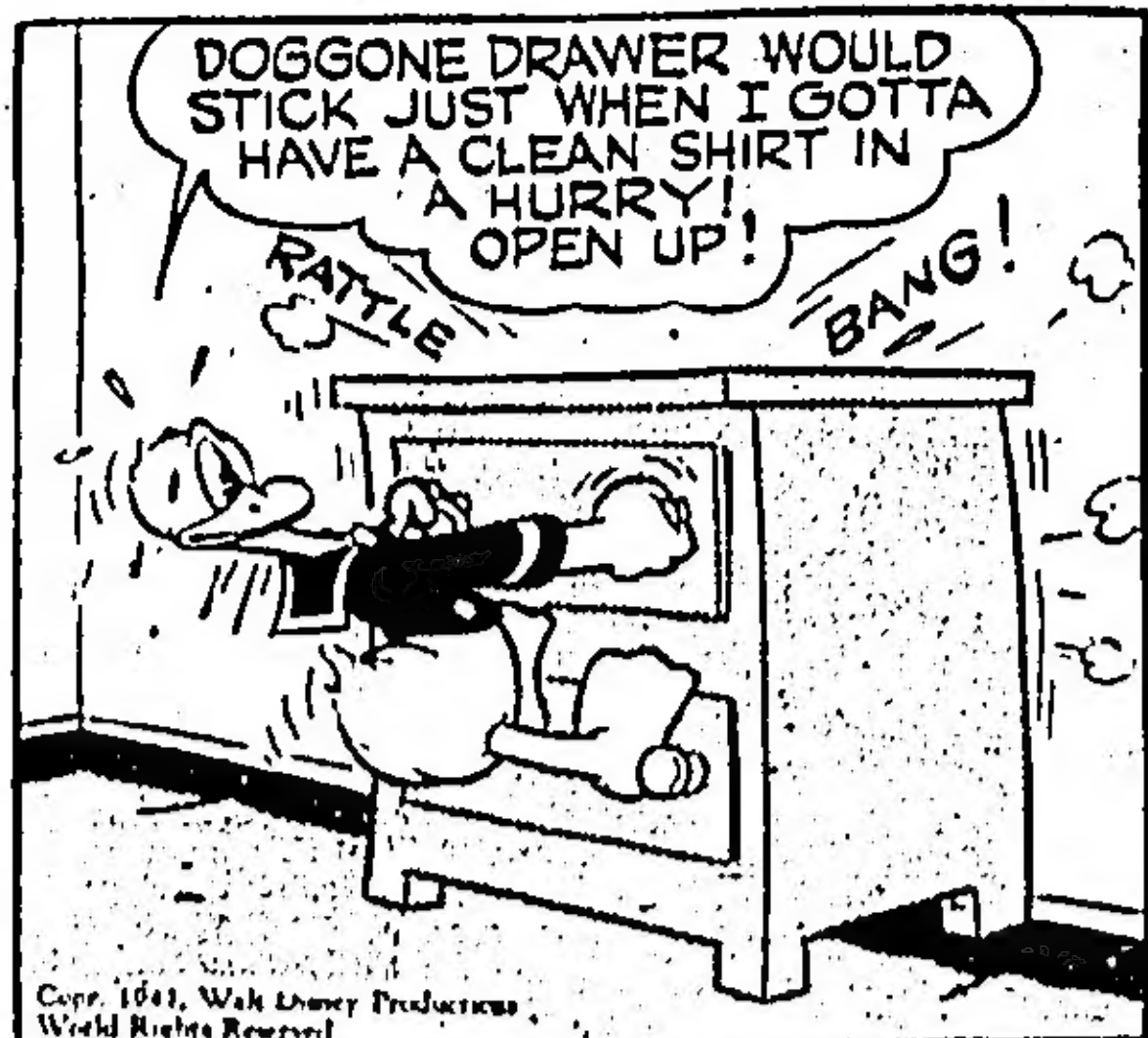
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Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1—Elliptical mantle of human
- 2—Cause to be frightened
- 3—A great distance
- 4—River associated with Shakespeare
- 5—Tender court of Spanish dwelling
- 6—Fascade of bulky goods
- 7—Forwardly
- 8—Quarter-round
- 9—Tune
- 10—Galle
- 11—Butter from dread disease
- 12—Do ashore
- 13—Person with very strong voice
- 14—Kind of lyric poem
- 15—Urgo continually
- 16—Changed qualities of
- 17—Triangular shape
- 18—Laverental fear
- 19—Cultivated
- 20—Wooden propelling device
- 21—Wedge-shaped
- 22—My lady
- 23—136 square yards
- 24—Spanish-American
- 25—Burning light
- 26—Gold coin of Persia
- 27—Polynesian food plant

DOWN

- 1—Narrow strip of fabric
- 2—Outwardly manifest
- 3—Spinny shrub of bean family
- 4—Radio-serial
- 5—Up above
- 6—Triton (col.)
- 7—Field at anchor
- 8—Zat-shed
- 9—Unit of electrical capacity
- 10—Utricle into line
- 11—Shake lace
- 12—Small cushion
- 13—Watery portion of blood
- 14—Paradise
- 15—Father (col.)
- 16—Female steep
- 17—Bird's bill
- 18—Contemptible
- 19—Game of cards
- 20—Roosting pitch
- 21—Prove with
- 22—Weapons
- 23—Constitution
- 24—Form conception of
- 25—Provide hole with
- 26—Intrude
- 27—Anxiety feeling
- 28—Laying holiday spirit
- 29—Find out
- 30—Burnout by climbing
- 31—Sea-eagles
- 32—Fleeting steam of
- 33—African palm
- 34—Platoon of herring
- 35—Platoon
- 36—Musical vibrations
- 37—On top of
- 38—Fabricated

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SIXTH ARTICLE

By
H. V. Morton

I WANT to introduce you to a man in the Army whose part in mechanised ground warfare is equivalent to that of a Spitfire pilot in the air. He is the tank gunner.

His job is one of the most important in the mechanised Army. There are thousands of these young men in the Royal Armoured Corps, and thousands more are in training. Their skill in a most difficult branch of gunnery is paramount, if tanks are to be successful in action.



A tank emerges from a smoke screen with its gun seeking range.

Remember the Tank Gunner

Yet, owing to an unbelievable attitude, not of the Army, but of the Treasury, the tank gunner is the worst paid member of a tank's crew.

Both driver and signaller can qualify as Army tradesmen and receive an extra 1s. 3d. a day, but the tank gunner is not allowed to do so.

The reason is, says the Treasury, that "there is no equivalent to a tank gunner in civil life."

If you can discover a more idiotic and more wicked strip of red tape, I shall be surprised. High Army officers and gunnery experts, with whom I have discussed this question, agree that, if the War Office is unable to make the Treasury change its mind about this, Parliament ought to take up the matter without delay.

The qualified tank gunner must be given tradesman's pay like the other members of the crew.

Not only should he be given extra pay, but he should also be allowed to wear a distinctive badge, so that everyone in the Army and in civil life can see that he has passed tests which demand more in personal skill, courage, and physical stamina than any other branch of gunnery.

"This is a real grievance," said the Commandant in a tank gunnery school. "And until it is put right the Royal Armoured Corps will not get the best out of its gunners."

"At the present moment, when recruits come up it is always the drivers and the wireless operators who are chosen first. The men who are left become gunners. It should be the other way round."

"While it is impossible to say who is the most important member of a tank's crew, for each one is essential, it is definitely wrong to put one of them in the position of inferiority which the gunner occupies at present."

"The time has now passed when the tank inspired terror on the field of battle. Modern armies are no longer likely to run away from tanks because too much thought has been given to the weak points of this vehicle."

"And it is only by accurate gunnery that the tank can become a thing to be feared."

"Remember this: that one of the big modern tanks costs as much as two-and-a-half or three Spitfires."

Steel Prison

In order to see a tank gunner in action, I asked to be allowed to travel in a tank when its guns were fired. The tank chosen for me was one of the big new cruiser tanks: a muddly monster that stood in a South Coast morass.

They told me that you could sit inside in perfect safety while a machine-gun was sprayed on you. I climbed the armour plates and let myself down feet foremost through a steel manhole. I found myself in an armoured strait-waistcoat. Although I knew there was not much room in a tank, I was surprised to discover how closely a modern tank is built round the crew. There was literally not an inch of spare room. We were imprisoned in steel.

On the level of my feet, as I stood in the commander's turret, was the gunner's head. He sat gazing through the telescope gun-sight, his head pressed into a brow-pad, his left hand on the hydraulic turret control his right hand on the gun triggers.

Next to me, on a lower level, stood a man who popped a shell into a gleaming gun-breech, which instantly closed; and the gun was ready to be fired. He slipped a loaded belt into a machine-gun.

"Advance!"

When gun turret and tank were facing in the same direction, I caught a glimpse of our friend, the driver, but at other times, when we swung round, he disappeared. The loader shut the turret lid and we were in semi-darkness. He took up a hand telephone. The gunner and driver slipped on ear-phones—imagine three men almost side by side having to telephone to each other!—and then the man with the telephone shouted:

"Advance!"

Our steel prison was filled with a deepening roar, and the tank began to move with a smooth, snaky motion, something between a small boat at sea and a fair-ground switchback.

Looking through the commander's plate-glass slit, I saw that we were advancing into a frozen pond.

The black ice splintered at the edges and air bubbles ran under the ice, which cracked with a noise I could not hear as we sank into the pond and ploughed our way up on the other side.

"Fire!"

We were now roaring along at perhaps fifteen or twenty miles an hour. The target was on a distant hillside. The gunner held in his telescopic gun-sight by revolving the turret, and, no matter how the tank dipped and rose, or swayed from side to side, his whole mind was bent on the task of keeping the guns on the target and the target in the hair-line of his sights.

"Fire!" shouted the man with the telephone.

The gunner pressed the trigger, there was an ear-splitting crack, the shell case shot into a canvas bag, the tank filled with a faint smell of cordite that was instantly blown out by fans, and far off on the hillside the brown earth spat up in front of the target.

We were now running past the target. The gun turret kept swinging round to the rear, and three times came the crack; and three shells plastered the target, dead on. The tank suddenly swerved, dipped its nose into a pit and, turning its own length, began to run back at full speed. I should think we were travelling at thirty miles an hour.

The guns nosed up, moving independently of the body of the tank, and as we again came in view of the target the gunner opened up with his machine-gun and a steady stream of bullets splattered up all round it.

We performed other evolutions. We roared full-speed into a dip of ground and lay hidden, like some prehistoric monster waiting for its prey.

Then our guns crept up on the target, and we just had time to see a direct hit before we roared off and away.

While all this was going on what impressed me was the superb team work necessary between the members of the crew if a tank is to preserve itself in action.

One slack or inefficient member and that tank is in fearful peril with all the lives inside it. The tank is a partially blind, almost totally deaf, monster, impregnable against some forms of attack, easily vulnerable to others.

Repertoire

And as I saw these men at action stations I compared them, for courage and inter-dependence one upon the other with the crew of a bomber or a submarine.

As we drew to a standstill, three laughing young men in the jaunty black berets of the Royal Tank Regiment climbed out and leaped to the ground.

"Rotten shooting Jack," said the loader.

"Not so bad," said Jack. "I think we should have made it."

The driver strolled round and lit a cigarette.

"Did you hit anything?" he asked innocently.

"No, but you did," they replied. "I suppose you had to take us through that pond twice just to show what a blinkin' awful driver you are."

How Long?

And as they stood chipping one another, I thought to myself: "Here we have the modern version of the Three Musketeers."

But what a monstrous injustice it is that the man behind the guns of that tank, the man whose eye and judgment can condemn the crew to death or bring them brilliantly through to safety, should be penalised by a strip of Whitehall tape.

How long must we wait in the middle of a war for this injustice to be righted?

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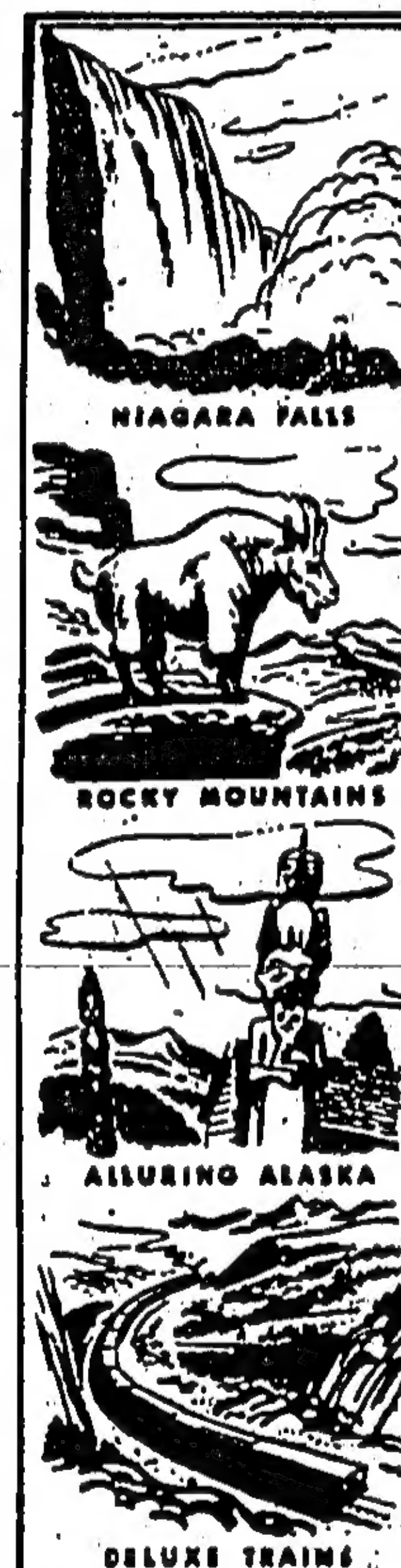
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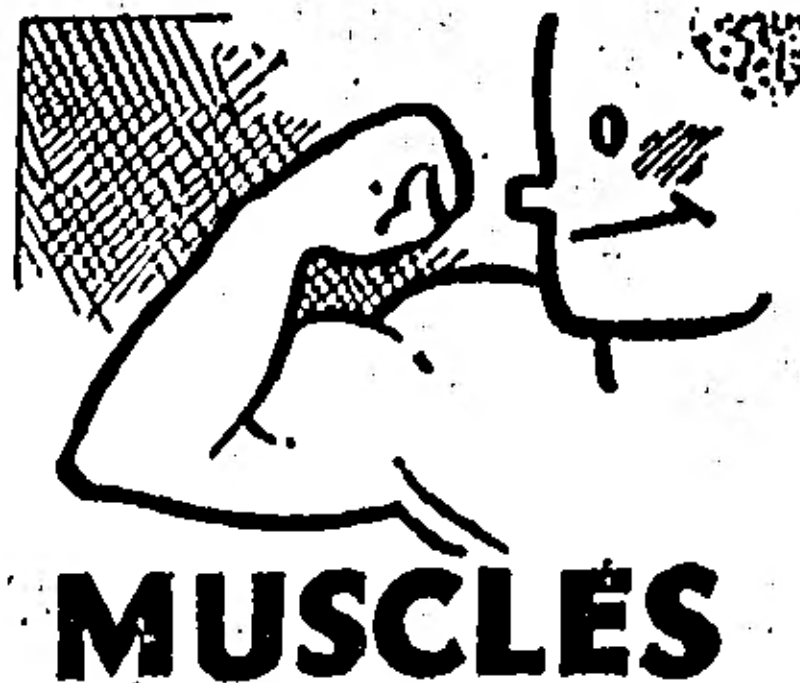
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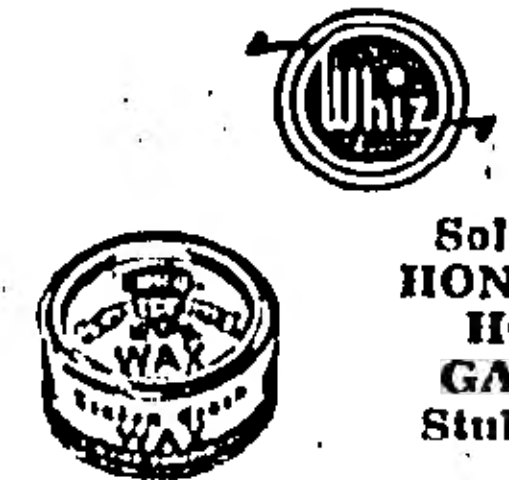
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HITLER AND BALKANS

THE stage is being set for the first military opposition to Hitler in his quest for the "peaceful" subjugation of the whole of southeast Europe. First move was Yugo-Slavia's repudiation of the tri-Power pact signed by her former Premier and Foreign Minister; then followed reported (and not officially denied) reports of the massing of British armed forces on Yugo-Slavia's southern frontier, and simultaneously Yugo-Slavia rushed troops to her Rumanian, Hungarian and Bulgarian borders, while the Nazis proceeded to concentrate armies on the other side of the frontiers. Since then events have been moving inexorably towards a final showdown.

Mussolini, thoroughly alarmed at the prospect of a belligerent Yugo-Slavia, aided by British men and materials, on the opposite side of the Adriatic Sea, has apparently appointed himself mediator between Belgrade and Berlin; Hitler, adopting his now transparent tactics, is filling his newspapers with stories of alleged Yugo-Slav atrocities upon the Germans. Equally significant, though perhaps less obvious in design, is the visit of Mr Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill to Belgrade, and not to be ignored in these political-cum-military manoeuvres was the recent overture by Turkey to Yugo-Slavia indicating willingness to implement an alliance suggested some time ago, but which was then cold-shouldered.

The implication behind all this is that Hitler's days of over-running the smaller nations by brutal intimidation are ended. He has been brought to a jolting and unexpected full stop in his quest for easy conquest of south-eastern Europe. If he wishes to progress any further, he must fight, and it is conceivable, in view of his pronounced plans regarding the battle of the Atlantic, that a war front in the Balkans is the very last thing he desires. The reasons are crystal clear; it would entail the diversion of a not inconsiderable part of his Luftwaffe from their main field of operations—western Europe; it would

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Moustache Parade

Further extract from the
diary of a journalist
turned soldier.

IN this place, men are men.
They have upper lips as
spiky as cacti.

There are soldiers in this
camp who have not kissed a wo-
man since childhood, for fear of
stabbing her through the cheeks
with the waxed ends of their
stiletto-like moustachios.

There is a tale of a sergeant-major
whose moustache, through thirty-
five years of twisting and waxing,
grew into a kind of horny substance
with which, if enraged, he could rip
people open.

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The man who told me about it is
an old regular soldier. "He used to
sleep with 'is old moustache in a
little bag like a 'ammock," he said.
He himself had been trying to
raise a similar proof of virility for
years, but the thin, sandy soil of his
lip yielded nothing but fluff.

We had not been in our new camp
twenty-four hours before the foreign
recruit whom we call Siberia was, as
they say, "Stopped for his mous-
tache."

He affected a row of bristles in the
shape of an eyebrow, which the Lad
from the Elephant and Castle de-
scribed as "Nine hairs and a nit."

★ ★

The Regimental Sergeant Major—a
fatherly kind of man about whom
the most insatiable grouser can find
nothing to say—didn't know what to
call it. He simply said: "Shave this
morning?"

Siberia replied: "Yes, sir."

Then the R.S.M., shaking his head
sadly, said:

"Do something about that mous-
tache, son. Cut it off, or else grow
it. Don't leave it hanging about as
if it doesn't know whether it's com-
ing or going."

Siberia said "Yes, sir," and a dark
glint came into his little bright eyes.
Later, he said:

"Cut it off or grow it, eh? Good.
I shall grow it till I make Old Bill
look like a chorus boy."

So he went out and bought a tube
of moustache-pomade, and paced the
hut feeling his lip.

★ ★

Next morning, the Kid from
Widnes made a vast commotion over
his shaving. He lathered his pink
face until he was hung with a kind
of Father Christmas beard of white
suds. But he left his upper lip un-
lathered.

He wet his safety-razor, grasped
himself by the left ear, scraped off
soap, and said "Aha!"

We looked at him. "Mmmmm-
mmmm!" he said. "There's nothing
like a shave to liven a man up."

He contorted his face very hideous-
ly, and got rid of more suds.

"One day I'll try some of that thur
brushless cream. . . . Maybe I'll get
one of them thur cut-throats. . . .
You get a cleaner shave with one of
them thur cut-throats. . . . And a
bottle o' that thur lotion to take
away the burn. . . . Well, how does
it look, Silence?"

"Smooth as an egg."

The Kid's face was, in fact, as
smooth as an egg—a fried egg.

"How's me tash coming, on?" he
asked.

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"What tash?" asked Old Silence,
rather astonished.

At this point, Old Meanie, rushing
in, said: "Widnes, lend us your
razor."

"Wipe it when you've finished,"
said the Kid from Widnes. He
bustled into the hut, borrowed a
mirror from a Corporal, and ex-
amined his face; grabbed Siberia's
tube of moustache-pomade, and plas-
tered his upper lip with it.

"A tash should be trained," he said.
"I'm going to grow a proper tash,
a colonel's tash, all brushed up, like."

The Corporal said, "Mind you don't
grow that tash too long, or it'll get
in your gas-mask and suffocate you."

The Kid from Widnes looked grave.

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Then Old Meanie came back, and
said, "Funny, ha?"

"What d'you mean, funny?" asked
the Kid.

"That razor."

"You tussy git," said the Kid from
Widnes. "If it's good enough for
me, it's good enough for you."

"Yeah? Well, it's got no blade in
it!"

"Oh," said the Kid from Widnes.

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garians; and even if his armies suc-
ceeded in making some progress in
Yugo-Slavia, it would cost them
heavily in men and materials, nel-
ther of which would Hitler find easy
to replace.

War in the Balkans does not pre-
sent a very healthy prospect for
Germany.



PARIS UNDER THE GERMANS

By Polly Peabody

The Parisians of to-day
are prisoners of war under
the vigilant watch of an
army of gaolers. They can
hardly call anything their
own, and their enemy is the
arbiter of their every action.
At first the French were
stunned by the blow of sud-
den defeat. They blamed
their leaders, who had, they
felt, betrayed them, and
cursed their own blindness
and the mistakes of these
last years.

Now the reaction has set
in. They have learned their
lesson under the pressure of
the German boot. As a re-
sult, they are determined to
resist their invader with the
only weapons left at their
command—their wit and
their intelligence. The Ger-
mans have conquered the
country, but they have not
conquered the people, for
they have utterly failed to
understand the French men-
tality.

To-day Paris is a sad and de-
pressing sight. It is more re-
miniscent of a garrison town
than one of the world's most
delightful cities. Bullet-grey
cars roar up and down the
Champs Elysees; troops crowd
the pavements; sentries, salu-
ting and heel clicking, stand at
attention at the doors of hotels
and apartment houses which
have been requisitioned by the
army of occupation. The Swastika
flies over every famous
building in the city as a bitter
and constant reminder of the
German triumph.

War On The Walls

Yet in Paris is a war being
waged—not a spectacular war,
but efficient in its purpose. It
is the war of scribbles on the
walls, of hisses and catcalls in
the darkness of the theatre and
cinema, of knowing smiles, of
subtle, double meanings in con-
versation—these undermine all
Hitler's propaganda efforts.

The thousands of posters which
paper the walls of the city serve
as an outlet for a growing anger.
The Parisians never miss an oc-
casion to scratch sarcastic com-
ments above the very words that
are supposed to win over their
allegiance, "Vive De Gaulle!"

and "Vive Churchill, a mort Hit-
ler!" as well as "Vichy a vendu
la France aux Allemands . . ."
are scratched on walls and
window-panes; and under cover
of darkness anti-British posters
are torn down.

But the iron grip is tighten-
ing, and severe punishments are
inflicted for any infringement of
the rules or for any apparently
unfriendly attitude. Many of-
fenders are shot. When the
culprit cannot be found some in-
nocent person is shot in his place
and the local community heavily
fined in sums ranging up to a
million francs. Paris cinemas
are closed for weeks when Axis
personalities are hissed on the
screen.

The writer of this
article is a young
American who has
just reached London
after many adventures
in war-time Europe.
She spent the last
three months before
her departure for Eng-
land working in the
American Red Cross
Hospital in Paris.

For the Germans, this Paris
that for so many years has been
hailed as the "Mecca of Joie de
Vivre," and which was to be the
shining trophy of their drive to
the West, is a disappointment.
Since the day when 187 aero-
planes were shot down over Eng-
land, dancing has been stopped.
Notices of this were posted in
restaurants and night clubs. To
add to the gloom, Nazis were
forbidden to associate with
French women. The gaiety has
gone out of Paris, and the bitter
cold and shortage of food add
to the depression. A few night
clubs are kept open specially for
the Germans; and there they sit
drinking bad champagne and
watching the shadow of an ex-
pected lightning war grow
darker and longer.

Sightseeing is one of the ma-
jor pastimes for the army of oc-
cupation. They tour the town
herded together in large trucks.
Napoleon's tomb is the highlight
of these expeditions. Another
big moment is the morning
parades over the whole length of
the goose-stepping Nazis and
the sound of heavy German
music, the Parisians turn their
heads to avoid looking at a pic-
ture which breaks their hearts.

But most enjoyed by all Hit-
ler's followers are the Paris
shops. These men, denied all
luxuries for so long, who had not
seen a well-furnished store for
years, became infatuated with a
buying craze which bordered on
hysteria. Stocks of perfumes,
silk stockings, silk underwear,
furs, etc., have been almost en-
tirely exhausted. Many shops,
which are not allowed to close,
remain open with empty coun-
ters and barren shelves.

The ingenious Parisians have
found ways of escape from many
unfamiliar difficulties which are
now inflicted upon them. One
of them is the problem of trans-
portation. Taxis and buses no
longer exist. Cycling or walk-
ing is the only substitute.
As bicycles are few, it is not un-
usual to see a man pedalling hard
with his wife in a little trailer
behind.

With most of the shops empty
and the German occupation mark
still greatly mistrusted by the
French, a system of barter has
sprung up in Paris. A few eggs
are exchanged for knitting wool,
a few lumps of coal for a little
oil, a piece of soap for almost
anything. The acute shortage of
food taxes the skill of the French
cook, who, without the necessary
ingredients, still feels he must
save his reputation.

Shortage Of Food

Food cards are issued and ra-
tions are growing smaller.
There are long waiting lines in
the streets outside the markets.
Housewives often stand in the
cold for hours, only to return
home empty-handed.

The iron discipline of the Ger-
man army has made itself felt.
Speed and efficiency have become
the mode in Paris. French
policemen were given long white
gloves to direct the traffic in
German style. In restaurants,
cravat-wearing waiters fairly
sprinted from table to kitchen.
German rules must be obeyed.
Any lingering after curfew hour
lands the offender in polishing
Nazi boots or peeling potatoes
until five o'clock in the morning.
A woman who crosses an avenue
outside the pedestrian zone was,
as a lesson, escorted back and
forth ten times by a Nazi official.
A ray of light from a window in
a black-out may bring a revolver
bullet through one of the panes.

Yet the soul of Paris and of
France still lives. The people
now look to the future with the
great hope that Britain and the
British Empire, their Allies and
their friends, will triumph, and
that they themselves may still
be able to play a part in the
overthrow of the hated Boche.

Next Week's Open Tennis Programme

MONDAY

Doubles—G. Choa and A. V. Remedios v. H. D. and B. A. Hurnish; Club championship—H. J. Armstrong v. M. Pugh; Club handicap—T. J. Gould (-15.2) v. T. C. Monaghan; Club handicap—C. H. Oxlade and A. H. Darwell (-15.2) v. F. W. Carter and E. N. Thurley (-15.2).

TUESDAY

Doubles—Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pul v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher; Club handicap—H. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-15.2) v. E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (-15.2).

WEDNESDAY

Singles—A. Crawford v. G. Choa v. Paul Wai-pul; Club handicap—J. S. G. Lee (-15.2) v. H. D. Hurnish; Club handicap—T. J. Gould (-15.2) v. G. W. Sewell; Club mixed doubles—J. Theobald and Mrs. Torrie (-15.2) v. S. L. Maughan and Mrs. Stoneman (-15.2) or A. H. Darwell and Mrs. Oxlade (-15.2).

THURSDAY

Doubles—Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pul v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher; Club championship—A. C. Monaghan v. R. E. Guest; V. R. Gordon v. F. W. Carter.

Menzies In Belfast

Essence Of Living

BELFAST, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—Declaring that "the tyranny of a man over Italian and German minds is one of the saddest things in history," Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister of Australia, in a speech here, gave as an instance Libya which he described as "one of the most miserable and worthless desert countries any man ever laid eyes on."

The Australians, who had cleared it, had millions of acres of desert of their own without wanting more. What was at stake, he added, was the real essence of living without which they would not care to live at all.

"The essential genius of the British Empire could never be translated into terms of black and white," he added.



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"Pastor Hall" Gala Premiere

A large and distinguished audience gathered at the Lee Theatre on Wednesday night for the Gala Premiere of "Pastor Hall," shown in aid of China's war orphans. Photographs below show His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, arriving at the Theatre with Madame Sun at ten and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, and a general view of the audience in the dress circle, the official party including the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mrs. Lo, Dr. Selwyn-Clarke, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Pedue, Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, His Excellency the Governor, Madame Sun Yat-sen, H. E. General A. E. Grasett, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carro and Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins—Sun Ying-min.



"Bisley" Meeting

Splendid Shooting By L/Corporal Allo

REMARKABLE SHOOTING was recorded at the Kowloon City Ranges yesterday when the third day's events in the Bisley meeting under the auspices of the Hong Kong Rifle Association were held.

The outstanding feature was provided by L/Cpl Allo, Royal Engineers, who headed the list of final 20 quailifiers for the Association Rifle Championship and then put up a magnificent effort when he totalled 48 of a possible 50.

Results: Platoon Match, Hutton Challenge Cup—1. Headquarters Middlesex, 231; 2. H.M.S. Tamar, 209; 3. 5/7th Rajputs (2) 205; 4. 6/7th Rajputs (1) 202; Headquarters Royal Scots 280; 6. 6/7th Rajputs (2) 279; 7. C Coy Middlesex and 5/7th Rajputs (4) 277; 8. C Coy Royal Scots (14) 269; 10. A Coy Middlesex 202; 11. B Coy Royal Scots (12) 238; 12. Don Coy Middlesex 235; 13. A Coy Royal Scots (10) 215; 14. Don Coy Royal Scots (17) 212; 15. B Coy Middlesex 211.

Association Service Rifle Championship Aggregate, final 20 Quailifiers—1. L/Cpl Allo (H.M.S.) 94; 2. Sgt Griffith (H.M.S.) 93; Cpl F. Cole (H.M.S.) 92; 4. Sgt Priddy (Middlesex) 90; 5. Sgt Purnan Singh (Police) 89; 6. Sgt Rumanan (H.M.S.) 88; 7. Cpl Sher Singh (Police) 88; 8. Pte Hatfield (Middlesex) 85; 9. Cpl Henley (H.A.F.) 84; 10. W. C. Toller (H.A.F.) 82; 11. N.A.F. Croft (H.M.S.) 81; 12. Cpl Langford (Middlesex) 80; 13. Sgt Sargent (Police) 79; 14. Sgt Nunn (H.M.S.) 78; 15. Cpl Cash (H.A.F.) 40; 16. Sgt Booth (Royal Scots) 45; 17. Pte Duller (Middlesex) 45; 18. L/Cpl Byrne (Middlesex) 45; 19. Mene Richardson (H.M.S.) 43; 20. Piper Stewart (Royal Scots) 44.

The Association Service Rifle Championship Aggregate Final—(H.P.S. 50)—1. L/Cpl Allo 48; 2. Sgt Cole 46; 3. Sgt Sargent 44; 4. Sgt Purnan Singh 43; 5. Cpl Griffith 41; 6. Sgt Rumanan 39; 7. P. O. Sanford 41; 8. L/Sgt Nunn 38; 9. Cpl Cash 38; 10. Sgt Griffith 37; 11. Cpl Sher Singh 36; 12. Cpl Croft 37; 13. Mene Richardson 37; 14. Cpl Henley 33; 15. Sgt Priddy 31; 16. Sgt Booth 29; 17. Piper Stewart 37; 18. Pte Duller 20; 20. Pte Sturges 18.

Service Rifle Championship for the Gasgoin Challenge Cup—L/Cpl Allo (H.M.S.) 42; 2. Sgt Griffith (H.M.S.) 41; 3. Cpl F. Cole (H.M.S.) 40; 4. Sgt Priddy (Middlesex) 39; 5. Sgt Purnan Singh (Police) 38; 6. Sgt Rumanan (H.M.S.) 37; 7. Cpl Sher Singh (Police) 36; 8. Pte Hatfield (Middlesex) 35; 9. Cpl Henley (H.A.F.) 34; 10. W. C. Toller (H.A.F.) 32; 11. N.A.F. Croft (H.M.S.) 31; 12. Cpl Langford (Middlesex) 30; 13. Sgt Sargent (Police) 29; 14. Sgt Nunn (H.M.S.) 28; 15. Cpl Cash (H.A.F.) 40; 16. Sgt Booth (Royal Scots) 45; 17. Pte Duller (Middlesex) 45; 18. L/Cpl Byrne (Middlesex) 45; 19. Mene Richardson (H.M.S.) 43; 20. Piper Stewart (Royal Scots) 44.

Goebbels' Silk Hat Won Michael Arlen a Good Job

A "DOLLED-UP little chap like a wensel," wearing a silk hat, passed beneath a hotel window in Athens. A famous novelist in a room above leaned out, took an instinctive dislike to the little man—and playfully spat on his silk hat.

The "dolled-up little chap" was Goebbels, the famous novelist was Michael Arlen. The result was too great for the "arrogant and intolerable little monster," as the novelist described the Nazi chief. Goebbels gave instructions that his works were to be banned throughout German territory.

This fact reached the knowledge of the Earl of Dudley, the West Midland Regional Commissioner, who invited the novelist to spend a week-end with him at his Himley Hall home.

That night Coventry, a few miles away, was strafed. It became imperative that the Commissioner should be assisted by an expert who could act as liaison between him and the public.

Aided Coventry's Bombed Michael Arlen got the job. Lord Dudley knew that a man who

could spit on the Nazi propagandist-in-chief would be ideal for British propaganda.

Scores of women voluntary workers who have been helping to ease Coventry's burden have been thrilled to receive letters of thanks bearing the signature of the man whose books have often thrilled them.

Michael Arlen, whose real name is Mikran Kouyoumdjian, and who was born in Bulgaria, went to England and was naturalised nearly twenty years ago.

He married the beautiful Countess Atalanta Mercati, of Greece, in 1928. They have two children.

Sports Club Meeting

Equal Rights Proposed For All Members

The question of the abolition of temporary voting members and the right of every member to enjoy full privileges was raised at the annual meeting of the Sports Club yesterday.

Mr. M. H. Lo presided and was supported by Mr. M. M. Watson (Vice-President), Major C. M. Manners, Mr. F. W. Shaftain, and Mr. Lam Ming-fan (Committee). Other members present were Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Messrs Horace Lo, H. C. Macnamara, Ezra Abraham, A. J. Kew, U. Sz-wing, W. O. Nodas, E. C. Barrie, Ko Fuk-san, Chan Kam-hon, A. Clillard, M. N. Bakusen, G. Taylor and Dr. F. Bunje.

Mr. Lo said: The income and expenditure account shows a surplus of \$2,378, against \$1,720 last year. This surplus is after writing down furniture, fittings, linen, crockery, etc. to a nominal amount of \$200.

NEW COMMITTEE

The following were elected to the general committee—M.M. Watson, U. Sz-wing, Lam Ming-fan, Major C. M. Manners, Wong Sik-chung, M. H. Lo, Horace Lo, F. W. Shaftain, H. C. Macnamara, Ezra Abraham, W. T. Stanton, Kenneth Chan.

Messrs M. K. Lo, R. Lasala, Fook S. Ko, Tang Shu-kin, J. K. Ross, R. E. Raschle were elected members of the balloting committee.

Mr. Barrie said it was time the non-voting members were given the full privileges of the Club. He had been a non-voting member for seven years and felt, with many other non-voting members, that the time had come when the Committee should revise their rules.

Mr. Shaftain said he intended bringing this matter up and the time was now opportune for revision. He thought in future that when a person was elected, he should enjoy full privileges like other members.

EQUAL NUMBERS

Mr. M. K. Lo said although he was not inclined to disagree with the proposal he thought that when the by-law was originally framed that there should be an equal number of Chinese members and Non-Chinese members it was an excellent one. Nowadays it was the custom in many clubs with mixed membership for the club either to become in time a Chinese club or a Non-Chinese Club. He suggested that the original charter, which gave voting powers in equal proportions to the two sections be maintained.

The chairman said the matter had been receiving the full consideration of the committee and would continue to do so when the incoming committee took office. He assured Mr. Barrie that every consideration would be given the proposal.

Craigengower XI

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. in League Cricket matches to-morrow:

1st XI v. University (away)—E. Zimmerman (Capt), T. H. Edgar, E. H. Emsell, A. J. Hulse, M. C. Hung, K. L. Ingham, E. Leonard, J. Mitchell, W. Wong Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Young Sayo.

2nd XI v. Revels (home)—A. H. Omar (Capt), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Emsell, A. D. Hanson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

Green Mouse Bred By Rector

Much publicity has been given to a green mouse bred by the Rev. Dr. Rosslyn Bruce, rector of Hurstmonceaux, Sussex, who thus has achieved an ambition acquired when he was a boy.

"It is the only one in the world," Dr. Bruce said. "I have dreamt of it for 50 years, and bred it through 60 generations."

Dr. Bruce was formerly director of the Birmingham Zoo and claims direct descent from Robert Bruce.

Really Pink Rats He once bred apricot coloured voles. "They were great favourites with women, who loved their soft, silky fur," Dr. Bruce said. The women might not have been so keen on them had they known that they were really pink rats.

The mouse is actually a brownish green, and is quite tame. It sits on Dr. Bruce's hand to be photographed.

CONCENTRATED — THEREFORE ECONOMICAL.

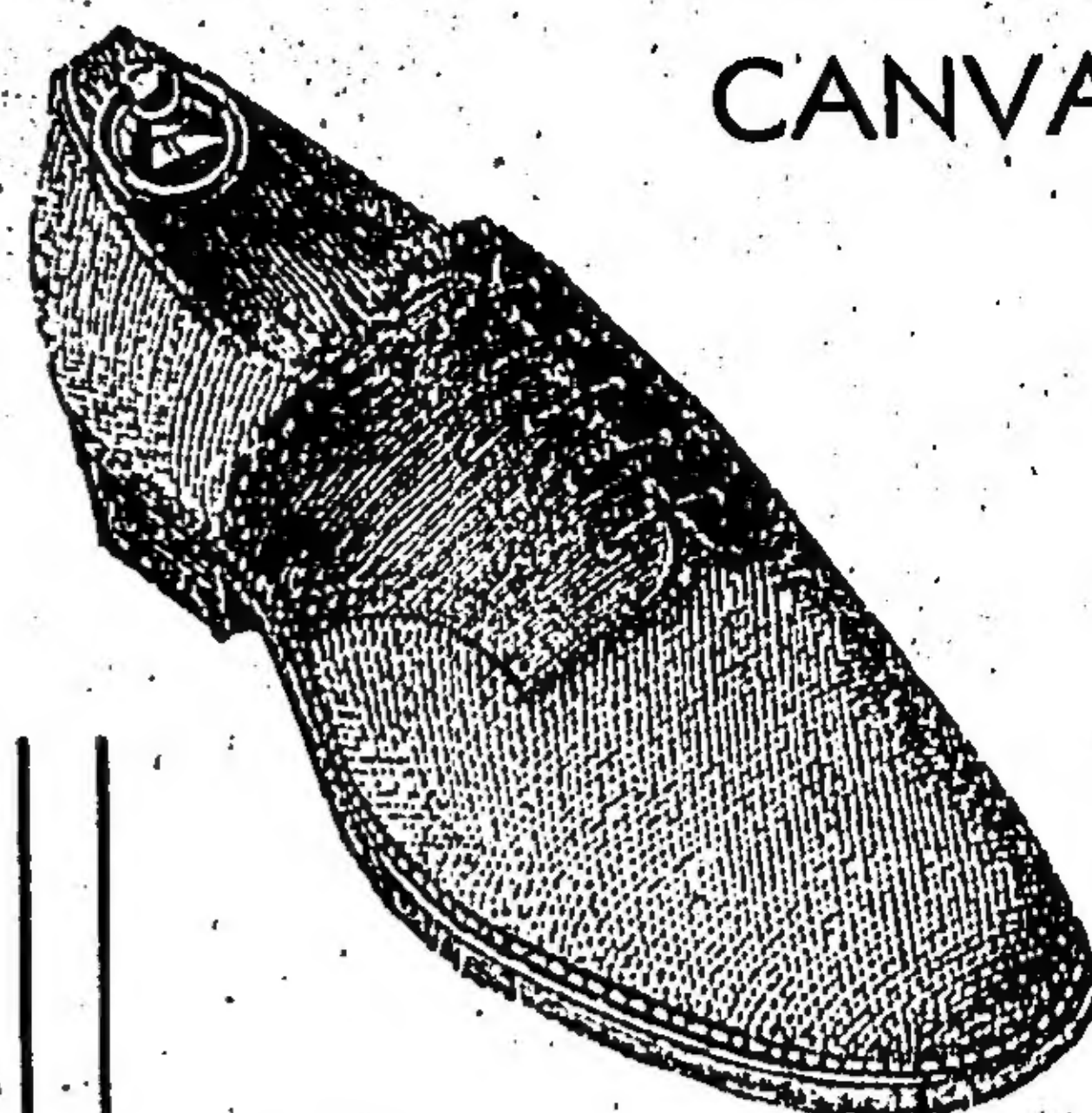
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Three New Track Records At Extra Meeting

**Peter Wei Registers Four Wins:
Eric Moller Most Successful
Owner: United Express Fails**

RACING AT HAPPY VALLEY last Saturday was excellent and so was the riding of Mr Peter Wei, who piloted four ponies to victory, registering at the same time a "hat trick" on Vanity Fair, Velvetlight and Moonlight. The jockey had to exert pressure on the first two gee-gees, but the trip on Moonlight was an armchair ride.

A feature of the Second Extra Meeting was the failure of Distant View and United Express in the major handicap event, and there were three new track records at the new scale of weights.

The invincible Sapper carrying 159 lb. won the Broken Hill Handicap in easy fashion over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, in one minute 53 seconds, and Mrs A. E. Grasett's pony lowered Happy Returns' figure by nine two-fifths seconds. Vanity Fair (159 lb.) annexed the Hobart Handicap (first section) for "B" class Australian ponies over six furlongs in one minute 16 seconds, cutting Distant View's time by two two-fifths seconds. Velvetlight (150 lb.) captured the Canton Handicap (first section) confined to "B" class China ponies over six furlongs in one minute 22 seconds, slicing Colong's record at the Annual Carnival by one two-fifths seconds.

Luckily the above three fastest runs were performed prior to the tumbling down of heavy clouds, but the rain did not in any way dampen the enthusiasm of the followers of the turf.

Successful Owner

THE most successful owner was Mr Eric Moller of Shanghai who ran away with the first Stewards' Cup presented by the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, the Canton Handicap (first section) and the Hobart Handicap (second section). The shipping magnate's three candidates gained a "small fortune" a total of \$2,800 plus the handsome silver trophy, and this will, of course, be added to Mr Moller's already fine collection of silver cups.

Though there was no "three figure" dividends, one could hardly say that spotting the winners at last Saturday's racing was easy, and I think the difficulty was on account of the merging of the new and old runners for the first time in the handicap events.

It may be of interest to note that the first three placed runners in the Canton Handicap (first section) for "B" class China ponies were the youngsters of this year, while in the Hobart Handicap (second section) for Australian "B" class the first two belonged to the class of subscription ponies of the current season.

More Easter Races

PUNTERS will be glad to know that there are 12 races (instead of the usual 10 events) in each day at the Easter season, and it looks to me a complicated programme. Ponies that are entered for sprint events (confined to both classes of Australian ponies of this season) are barred from entering for distance runs and vice versa.

It must be admitted that this will prevent owners from nominating their ponies to run out of distances. And we will certainly have some job to spot the winners at the Easter Meeting.

Great Disappointment

LET us return to last Saturday's racing. To the sad disappointment of 1,108 chances taken by those in the know, Odeon (Needa) failed to justify the confidence, and the stallion was badly beaten in the opening event, Kongmun Plate, by Eve of Grandeur by two lengths. Had the writer known that Sir Victor's griffin was going to accept, he would have tipped the chestnut to win. I said in my notes that he was a cheater Guardian and Times both dangerous.

Starlight Carries Off Stewards' Cup Event

COLOOMA HALF A LENGTH BEHIND

THE INAUGURAL CLASSIC, Stewards' Cup, was the first handicap event for Australian pony griffins of this season over a middle distance, and there were ten acceptances out of 16 entries. I am sure the Stewards must have been quite satisfied with the response, and the contest provided a tight finish.

Starlight won by half length with a neck separating Colooma and Mountain View. What a joy it would have been to the Stewards had Colooma crossed the line first, for Sir Vandeleur Grayburn and Mr D. C. Edmondson had joint interest in the racer.

The public also took a great interest in the event, and Oracle carried all the money with 2029 chances for a win, followed by Colooma (1434 chances) and Gloaming (1149).

Perfect Start

HOWEVER, the start was perfect. Nomine Poenae (S. W. Lee) tried runaway tactics, which, of course, went well until the bottom of the hill was reached, but after that the pony was losing ground, and the brown faded out of the picture.

It was rather unusual to see Mr Needa taking his mount to the front, for at the half-mile beacon Oracle was running behind Nomine

Sapper Outruns Rest Of Field

THE BROKEN HILL Handicap for "A" class Australian ponies was a grand race, but Sapper was too good, and the chestnut by Farr continued in winning vein to register his third success, earning for Mrs Grasett an aggregate sum of \$5,500 since the beginning of the year.

United Express let the public down very badly and the jockey took too much out of the pony in adopting the runaway strategy. Looking over the various quarters of the record time established by Sapper, one cannot fail to see that United Express' time from one mile beacon to six furlong post was 24½ seconds and at that rate it was impossible for the Rooter-Hill Derby winner to be among the first three—the mare finished sixth.

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A Challenge

THERE was a huge cry from the Public Enclosure when Mr Botelho began to push Mountain View at the entrance of the home stretch. Before the distance was reached, Colooma and Mountain View drew level with Gloaming, and at this point Mr Eu Tong-sen's candidate was a dead horse.

Down the straight the jockey on Starlight thought that he had the race well in hand, but it did not take him long to realise that Colooma and Mountain View were fighting hard for the premier place.

In the last hundred yards the three riders were hard at work and a large measure of the success must be given to Mr Wei who pushed Starlight just in time over the base line by half length in front of Colooma. The latter beat Mountain View by a neck and three lengths behind came Gloaming.

Championship Badminton Games To-night

The following are the Badminton Championship matches at the Club de Recreio to-night:
8 p.m. P. A. Yvanovich v. T. S. Young (Junior Singles).
8.30 p.m. A. L. Fisher v. J. L. Anderson (Junior Singles).
9 p.m. C. Y. Yung and F. Koh v. P. K. Hool and H. F. Chew (Senior Doubles).

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Six Events For Macao April Meeting

Basketball Charity Games

**Macao Teams To Play
South China To-morrow**

TWO STARRY basketball games, in aid of charity, have been carded for to-morrow afternoon in the open air gymnasium at the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road, when a visiting girl's and men's cage quintette from Macao will clash in exhibition encounters with the two champion South China A.A. teams.

Tournament Tennis

TSUI WAI-PUI BEATS K. H. YIP IN STRAIGHT SETS

THOUGH great things were expected of K. H. Yip in yesterday's Open Singles tennis match against Tsui Wai-pui, the latter was the man on the court and dictated play.

Yip, Champion of South China A.A., was the most promising of the players this year, and though reliable with his ground shots, his overhead work and his service are still in need of improvement.

Tsui led in both sets 5-2, and in both permitted Yip to draw up to 4-5 before going out 6-4 in each case. He seems to have regained command of his shots and is a different player from the one who was beaten by S. A. Rumjahn in the final last year.

Volleying duels were brisk and in these Yip showed a steadiness on the backhand that was one of his greatest assets. Both players drove deep and accurately, and their baseline rallies were spectacular to watch.

The Match

Tsui took the first game, and though Yip won the second and third, Tsui won four games in a row to lead 5-2. At this stage he led 40-15 and though with two set points, lost the game in the face of excellent opposition from Yip.

He took the 10th game and the set. The second set was similar to the first in the trend of scoring. But in this 10th game Yip led 40-30 when he served his first double fault of the match.

The proceeds from the sale of tickets to the stands are for the Bomber Fund.

Results:
Colony singles.—Tsui Wai-pui beat K. H. Yip 6-4, 6-4.
Club handicap doubles.—F. W. Carter and E. N. Thurst beat R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay 6-2, 6-0. H. G. Armstrong and P. Winter-Blyth beat D. B. B. Robb and C. W. Bishop 6-2, 6-2.
Club mixed doubles.—V. R. Gordon and Mrs D. B. Sinclair beat Mr and Mrs D. L. Prophet 6-2, 6-0.

In the opening game at 3.30 p.m., the all-star girls team from Macao will take on South China A.A.'s classy cagerettes.

The Caroline Hill girls have just been crowned Colony Open League champions and holders of the C. T. Wang Cup, and are eager to defeat the girl starlets from Macao in their first game since copping the title.

Men's Match

At 4.30 p.m. South China's brilliant men's quintette clash with the Macao stars in the featured game.

The visiting stars will include in their lineup, the cream of basketball players in the Portuguese Colony, and are considered to be a very strong aggregation, playing a fast, wide open style of game.

The champion South China A.A. hoopers have been in there practicing hard for this important tilt and are slated to bring up three youthful players from their second team to augment the starry veterans.

Admission to this two-game programme will be 20 and 30 cents.

Cricket

D.B.S. Defeat H.M.S. Tamar By 94 Runs

Diocesan Boys' School beat H.M.S. Tamar by 94 runs in a friendly game of cricket yesterday. A. J. Hulze was the outstanding player of the match, scoring 58 and taking 6 for 24. A. Ebrahim took 4 for 22.

G. A. Goodban, Headmaster, assisted in the scoring of 140 with hard knock of 32. Scores were: D.B.S.—148 (A. J. Hulze 58, G. A. Goodban 32, J. Macauley 18, Douglas 2 for 18). H.M.S. Tamar—54 (Hogan 14, Whiteside 12, Hulze 6 for 24, Ebrahim 4 for 22).

Today's Matches

To-day's matches are:

SINGLES
Tsui Yan-pui v. Paul Kong (Stand court).
M. Pagh v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Special Dollar Sweep On Lung Chen Handicap

A NICE PROGRAMME of six interesting events has been framed by the Macao Jockey Club for their April Meeting to be held at Arcia Preta on Sunday.

A special dollar cash sweep of 50,000 tickets is being conducted on the Lung Chen Handicap confined to "Y" class China ponies, and the run is over the mile.

The curtain raiser will be the Chinshan Handicap (first section for "E" class China ponies over six furlongs. On paper Piet Hein with Mr "Pinky" Botelho in the saddle should win, but be careful with Dow-Jones who is a great fighter. National Success, if sound, is dangerous. The second section of the Chinshan Handicap should provide a good finish. Though Radium Star has been whispered as the best, I am afraid of Sports Venture with a pull of 7 lb. and Gallant Marshal is also nicely weighted.

Plain View must not be overlooked, for the blackie ran a good race in Fanning on February 2, and paid \$73.20 for a win.

In the third section of the Chinshan Handicap, Mac's Adventure looks a good thing, with National Anthem and Cuban Love to follow in the rear.

The Best Event

THE best event of the meeting will be seen in the Lingnan Handicap for "D" class China ponies over five furlongs, and my best three are Lovely Star, Blue Field and Night Express.

I hear that the last named may not make the trip, and if the report is true, Sylvandale should fill the third position in the frame.

Meadow Eve Favoured

FAIRY OUSEL is at the head of the ladder with weight in the Lung Chen Handicap for "Y" class China ponies, and this is surely a stiff proposition for Mr Jack Braga's candidate.

Mr Gellion's Fairy Auk has not been running too well lately, but with a pull of lead the grey should be able to put up a good fight on Sunday.

My choice is Mr Liang's Meadow Eve with Victory Life to follow.

Novices Race

THE Shekhi Plate for "A" class China ponies will be ridden by novices, and it is not a handicap event. The Mermaid, Eagle and The Spirit of St Louis should cross the wire in the order I have named.

Final Selections

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Dow-Jones
Piet Hein
Heidon

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Sports Venture
Radium Star
Plain View

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (THIRD SECTION)

Mac's Adventure
National Anthem
Cuban Love

LINGNAN HANDICAP

Lovely Star
Blue Field
Night Express

LUNG CHEN HANDICAP

Meadow Eve
Victory Life
Fairy Auk

SHEKHI PLATE

The Mermaid
Eagle
The Spirit of St Louis

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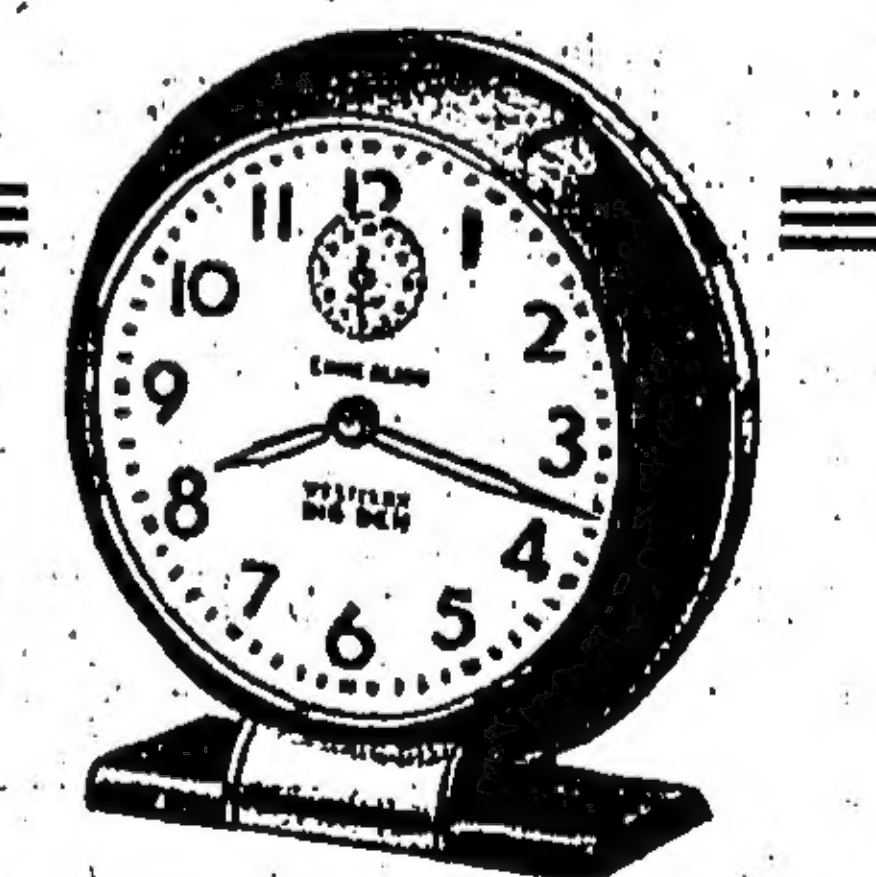
The Police team has been selected and will be as follows: Gough (capt.), Hayward, Leslie, Blackburn, Howlett, Parker, Brown, Naranjan Singh, Man Singh, Jasbir Singh and Teja Singh. Reserves, Wall and Rothwell.

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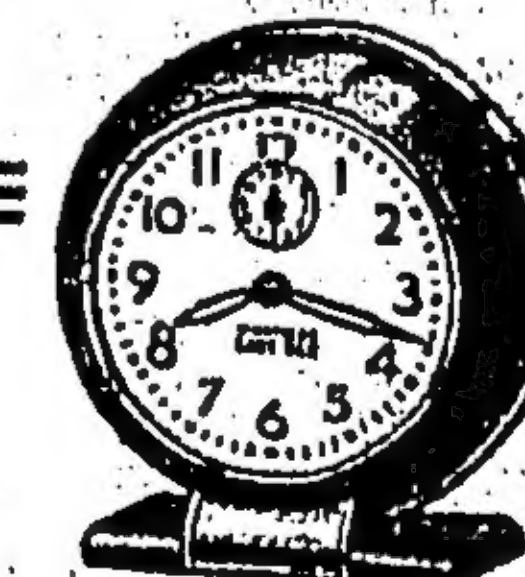
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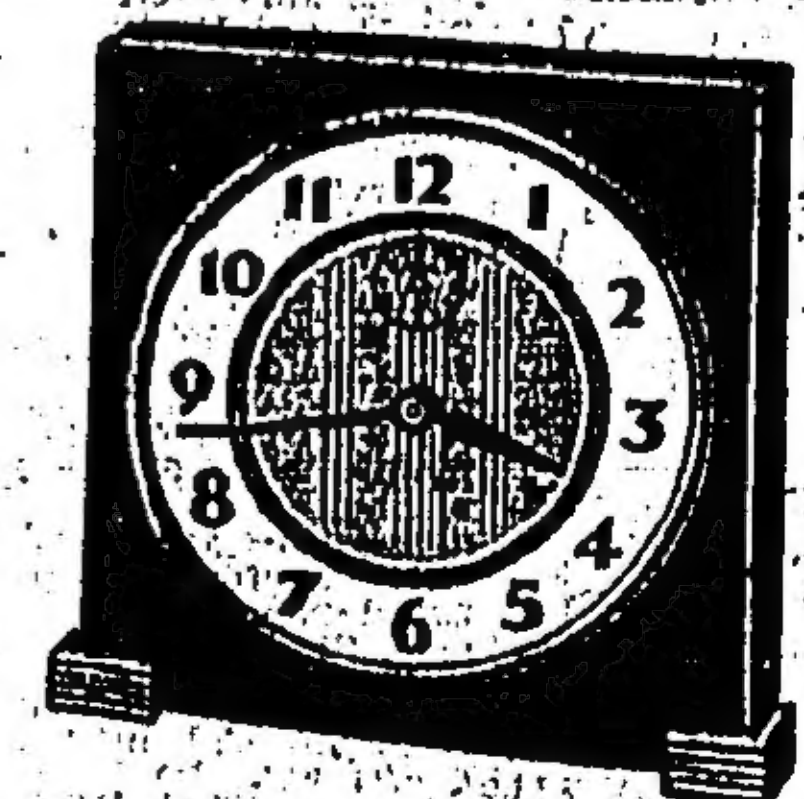
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TELEKI SUICIDE

Hungarian Leader's Tragic End

Budapest, Apr. 3.
Count Paul Teleki, Hungarian
Prime Minister, committed suicide
last night. Servants discovered his
body in his room when they went
to wake him this morning.

In a letter found beside the body
Teleki said he did not feel able to
carry on his difficult and unhappy
task.

Efforts were made to keep the news
from the Hungarian people. First
announcement of his death said he
had died from heart failure and an
emphatic denial was given to first
reports that he had committed sui-
cide. The efforts were unsuccessful,
however, and the news has caused a
profound impression throughout the
country.

Reports that Teleki's wife had also
died were denied, but it was ad-
mitted she was gravely ill in hospital
following an accident, the nature of
which was not stated.

In accordance with custom the
Cabinet has resigned and is carrying
on under the guidance of M. Keres-
tes Fischer, who has been appointed
interim Premier. Fischer was
formerly Minister of the Interior.

Two days of national mourning
have been ordered by the Regent,
Admiral Horthy.—Reuter.

Count Teleki was born at Budapest
in 1879, his father being the former
Minister. He studied geography and
cartography and was from 1906 to
1913 Director of the Geographical
Institute and professor of geography
at Budapest.

Elected to the Chamber in 1911,
he was head of the Supplies Depart-
ment during the war. In the Govern-
ment set up in opposition to the Com-
munist regime at Budapest he was
Foreign Minister. As a delegate to
the Peace Conference, he signed the
Trianon Treaty which reduced Hun-
gary by two-thirds and, when he re-
turned to the National Assembly,
offered himself for impeachment for
his action.

When Imrezy resigned in 1939,
Teleki, who had been Minister of
Education, formed a Government,
retaining Count Csaky as Foreign
Minister. He stated there would be
no change in home or foreign policy,
adding that Hungary was firmly
linked with the Axis Powers to which
she owed her acquisition of territory
from Czechoslovakia.

Teleki had shown in 1921 that he
opposed anti-Jewish measures as
disastrous to the country's economic
life and he was expected to tone down
Imrezy's measure against the Jews.
One of his first acts was to disband
the Nazi party and seize its funds
on account of its illegal activities,
notably the bomb outrage at a syna-
gogue.

Gradually, the Nazi movement
was suppressed. Budapest became
far more friendly with Rome than
with Berlin toward which Teleki
maintained a courteous but firm at-
titude. Imrezy was alienated. The
Nazis fell into popular disfavour after
Hitler shook hands with Stalin and
the Russians attacked Finland, Hun-
gary's sister nation. Although 50
Nazis were in Parliament they con-
stantly wrangled among themselves
and offered no real opposition to the
Teleki cabinet.

It is notified that quarantine res-
trictions have been imposed by the
Government of the Netherlands East
Indies against arrivals from Hongkong
on account of Cholera.



HE'S DETERMINED—Haile Selassie, left, Emperor of
Ethiopia, is back in his country to organise his people and
bust Italian conquerors. In British khaki uniform he chats
with an unidentified British officer.

"Thief Of Bagdad" For Oriental

In keeping with their confirmed
policy of giving patrons of their
theatre the best value for their money,
the management of the Oriental
Theatre are putting on the "Thief of
Bagdad"—for a short season—starting
from Wednesday, April 9.

When roadshow at the King's
Theatre a short time ago the "Thief
of Bagdad" drew capacity houses at
every performance. In Bombay,
Colombo, Singapore and Macao all
attendance records were broken. In
Shanghai, it ran for 15 days at the
Nanking Theatre and 25 days at the
Metropole Theatre at advance prices,
the receipts for the run was \$338,556
which is nearly \$100,000 more than
the previous record for "Gone with
the Wind."

Vic Hugo, manager of the Oriental
Theatre has just concluded negotia-
tions with Mr Joe C. Golla, Far East-
ern representative for the United
Artists Corporation for the rights to
show this picture at the Oriental
Theatre at popular prices and this
will be the first time Thief of Bagdad
has been shown at less than road-
shows prices. Mr Hugo, following out
his well-established policy of "value
for money," is now offering one of the
best theatrical bargains in years.

An interesting talk on "The New
Women of China" was given at the
Helena May Institute yesterday by
Miss P. S. Tseng, of Changshu,
grand-niece of Marquis Tseng,
China's first Ambassador to Britain.

Bomber Fund Acknowledgments

A total of \$1,751,899.20 was reached yes-
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Miss Lavinia Bowls Match (2nd)	64
and Clump Cricketers at K.C.C.	64
No. 7 Police Station and Mer- cantile Maritime Office	60
Thrift Shop (sale of old clothes)	57
R.A.O.B. (H.L.E.) (March)	57
"Ewo Poken School" (sixth dona- tion)	57
Mercantile Maritime Office Bomb	100
Texaco Shell Station (fifth dona- tion)	49.19
Mr E. F. Buttress	13.03
The following monthly donations were also received yesterday:	
Mr Donald Black	\$23
Miss Norma Stone	25
Mrs D. G. Frost	10
Mrs K. M. Anderson	50
Mr C. D. E. Bergin	20
Miss E. M. Buckland	10
Major C. R. Boxer	30
Mr R. S. Harrison	75
Mr G. C. S. Pierce	15
Miss C. S. Pierce	5

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Con Sam (Food Kitchen), \$20; Mrs Mok
(St Peter's Milk), \$22.50; Mr Chung Sang
(Food Kitchen), \$20; Mrs Cunningham
(Food Kitchen), \$10; The British Fund
for Relief of Distress in China, \$10,000;
a Friend, \$10; Rev. F. R. Myhill, \$75;
Anonymous, \$1.00; Dr. Sydenham, \$5;
St Stephen's Girls' College, \$30.

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The Society of St Vincent de Paul
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HUNGARY'S NEW PREMIER

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pressure more than he could face. He has taken the way out that seemed to him easier.

There are many politicians in Budapest who might be willing tools of Germany but Admiral Horthy is also a man of independent mould and his choice of a successor to Count Teleki may delay, if it does not circumvent, the German plans.

Attitude of Bulgars
Bulgarians, who also were very delighted with their part of perpetual friendship with Yugo-Slavia are similarly being dragged into opposition. The Bulgar-Serbian rapprochement was a very real thing and had greatly contributed to the pacification of the Balkans.

The Germans will not find it easy to poison the relations between the two peoples even if they drive the Bulgarians into an appearance of open enmity.

Importance Of Dollars To Cause

FROM PAGE ONE

produce and deliver goods and to maintain their traditional high quality (Cheese).

Regulations
Replying to a further question suggesting modification of the law relating to the holding and use of dollar currency by Britons in the United States and a freer exchange of currency between Britain and the United States, Captain Crookshank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, emphasised that in spite of the passage of the Lease and Lend Act, our overseas commitments to be met in gold or dollars remained very large. It therefore remained essential to our war effort that our exchange resources should be conserved to a maximum degree and that the exchange control regulations be strictly complied with by all concerned.

British Troops Evacuate Benghazi

FROM PAGE ONE

owing to the large number of Italian women and children there.

Capture of Mieso
NAIROBI, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The official communique giving news of the capture of Mieso pays tribute to the co-operation in Abyssinia of forces under the command of the Air Officer Commanding in Aden.

It says: "These aircraft have carried out many successful attacks on the enemy rear areas and communications."

New Ambassadorship For Dr Koo?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Dr Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to Vichy, will succeed Mr Quo Tai-chi as Ambassador to London.

LATE NEWS

Offensive Sentence In Jane's Issue

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Aircraft Production issued the following announcement to-day:

"The attention of the Ministry of Aircraft Production has been brought to a picture caption in the new issue of Jane's 'All The World's Aircraft' inimical to the friendly relations existing between Britain and the United States. Neither the publication itself nor the principal Editor, Mr C. G. Grey, has any official status. The publishers have stated that they are recalling all copies of the publication with a view to removing the offensive sentences."

Italian Eludes Blockade

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Italian freighter, Himalaya, 6,240 tons, arrived here to-day direct from Somaliland.

Camouflaged but unarmed, she is the second Italian ship to arrive at Rio since the war.

The German freighter, Babilonga, 4,422 tons, cleared the Customs at Santos on Wednesday with a cargo of fuel and is expected to leave soon. Feverish preparation for departure is still reported from a North Brazilian port, where seven Italian cargo ships are laid up.

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The note sent by Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to Prince Colonna, Italian Ambassador, requested the withdrawal of Admiral Alberto Laís as *persona non grata*.

Mr Hull announced that the President had come to this conclusion and in reply to a question, indicated that the case of German diplomats may be under consideration.

Mr Hull's note said, "various facts and circumstances come to the attention of the United States Government concerning Admiral Laís and the commission of certain persons' acts violating the laws of the United States."

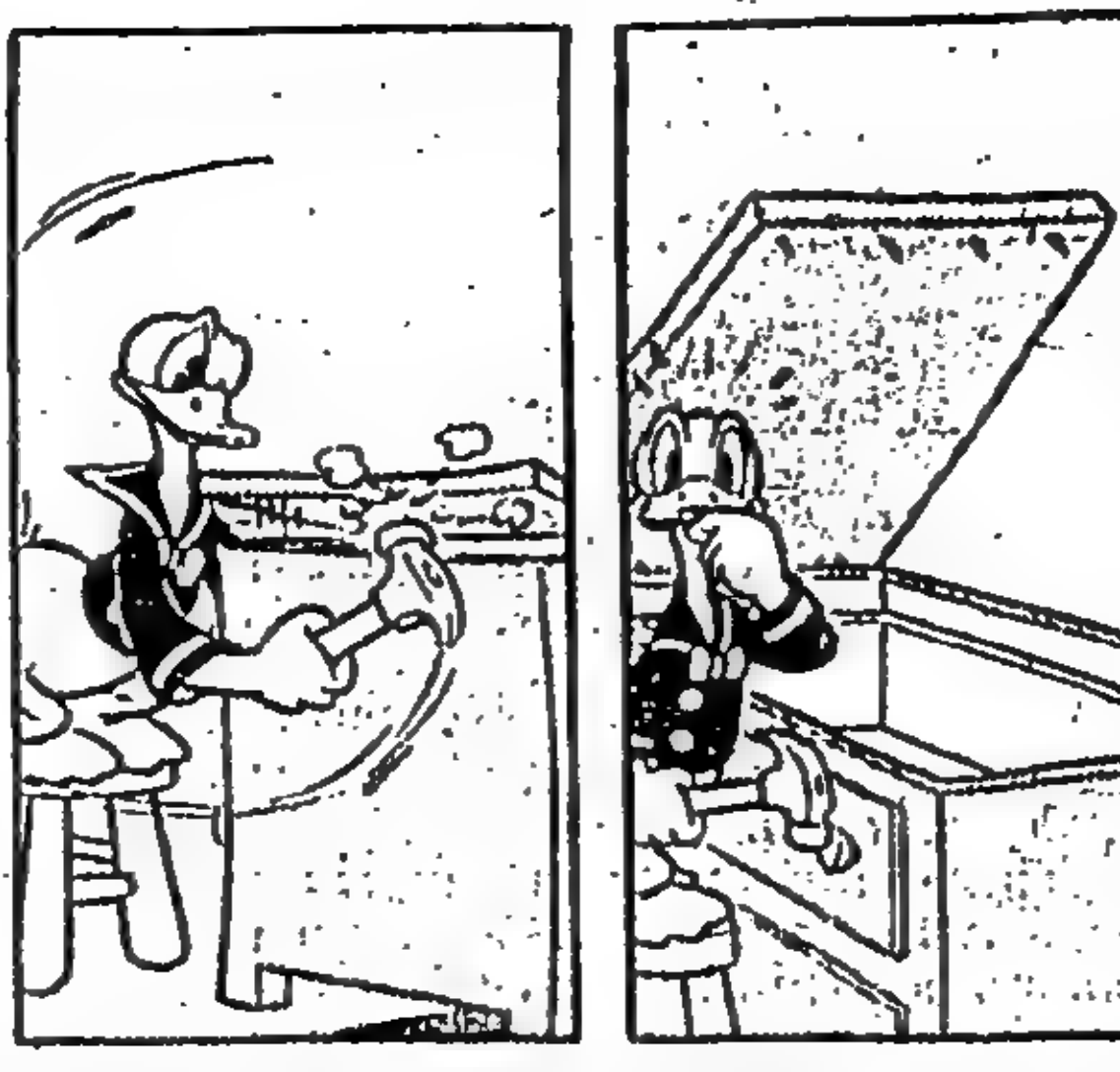
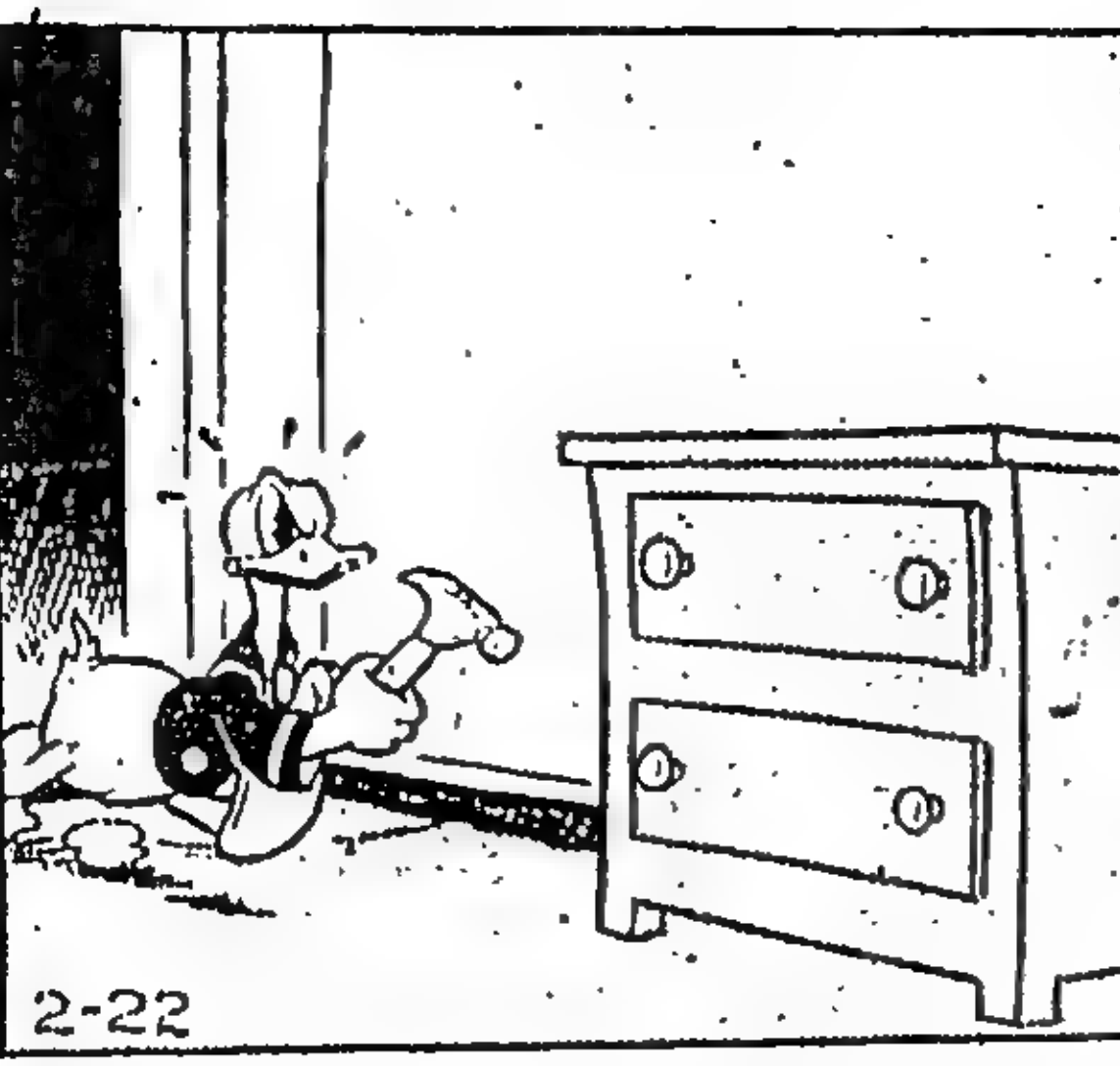
Consulates Question

It is noteworthy that no reply has been received to the United States note of March 7 requesting the Italian Government to close the Italian Consulates at Newark and Detroit.

"Reuter" says that Mr Cordell Hull's note demands the immediate recall of Admiral Laís who is "non persona grata" to the United States on political grounds.

His continued presence here would no longer be agreeable to this Government."

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"I need a girl who will cook, wash, sew, clean an eight-room house and take care of three children—and don't give me one of those refugees who are taking the best jobs away from our own girls!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Elliptical mantle of Roman
- 2—Cause to be frightened
- 3—A great distance
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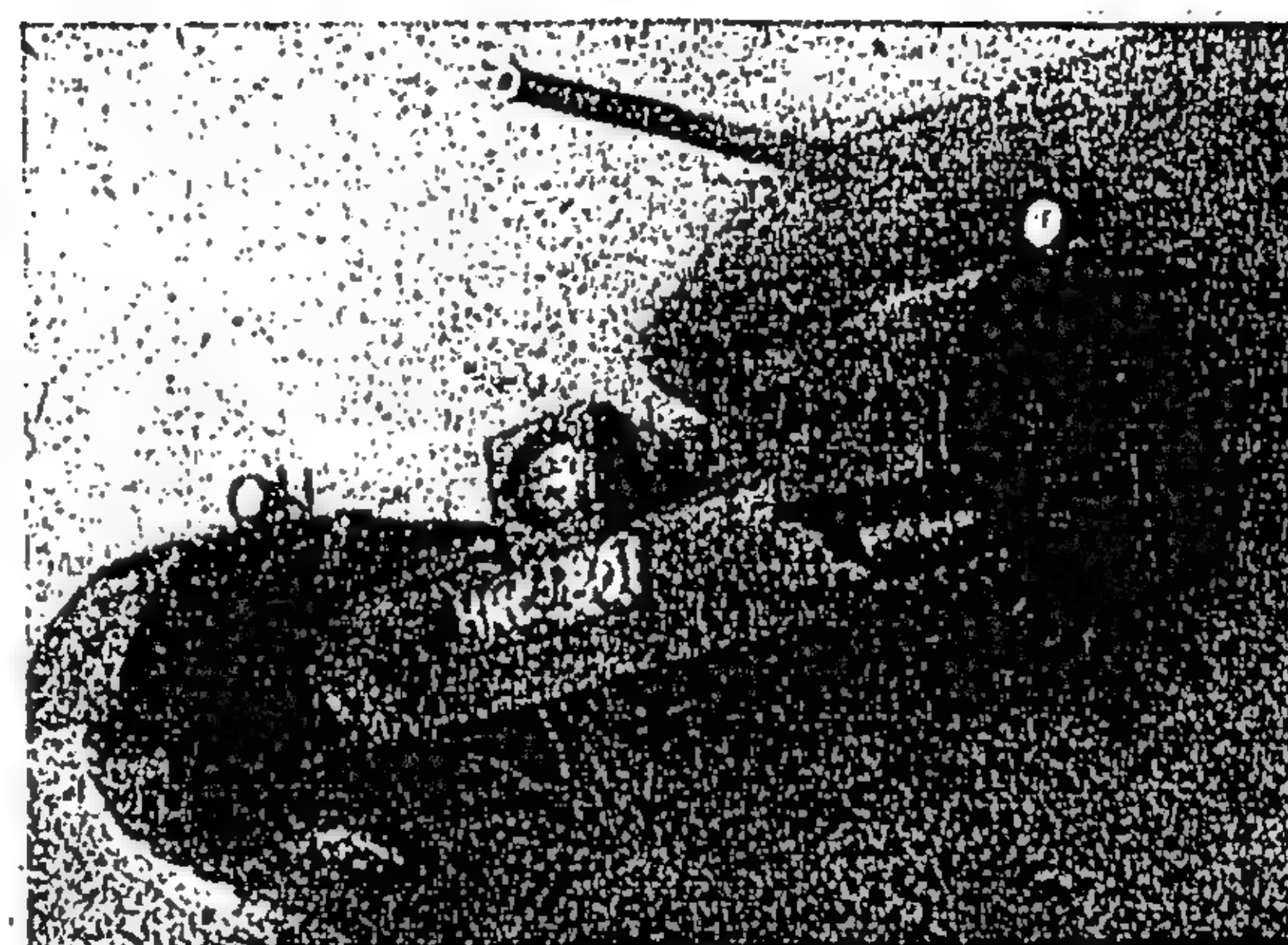
OUR GREAT NEW ARMY

SIXTH ARTICLE

By
H. V. Morton

I WANT to introduce you to a man in the Army whose part in mechanised ground warfare is equivalent to that of a Spitfire pilot in the air. He is the tank gunner.

His job is one of the most important in the mechanised Army. There are thousands of these young men in the Royal Armoured Corps, and thousands more are in training. Their skill in a most difficult branch of gunnery is paramount, if tanks are to be successful in action.



A tank emerges from a smoke screen with its gun seeking range.

Remember the Tank Gunner

Yet, owing to an unbelievable attitude, not of the Army, but of the Treasury, the tank gunner is the worst paid member of a tank's crew.

Both driver and signaller can qualify as Army tradesmen and receive an extra 1s. 3d. a day, but the tank gunner is not allowed to do so.

Red Tape

The reason is, says the Treasury, that "there is no equivalent to a tank gunner in civil life."

If you can discover a more idiotic and more wicked strip of red tape, I shall be surprised. High Army officers and gunnery experts, with whom I have discussed this question, agree that, if the War Office is unable to make the Treasury change its mind about this, Parliament ought to take up the matter without delay.

The qualified tank gunner must be given tradesman's pay like the other members of the crew.

Not only should he be given extra pay, but he should also be allowed to wear a distinctive badge, so that everyone in the Army and in civil life can see that he has passed tests which demand more in personal skill, courage, and physical stamina than any other branch of gunnery.

Real Grievance

"This is a real grievance," said the Commandant in a tank gunnery school. "And until it is put right the Royal Armoured Corps will not get the best out of its gunners."

"At the present moment, when recruits come up it is always the drivers and the wireless operators who are chosen first. The men who are left become gunners. It should be the other way round."

"While it is impossible to say who is the most important member of a tank's crew, for each one is essential, it is definitely wrong to put one of them in the position of inferiority which the gunner occupies at present."

"The time has now passed when the tank inspired terror on the field of battle. Modern armies are no longer likely to run away from tanks because too much thought has been given to the weak points of this vehicle."

"And it is only by accurate gunnery that the tank can become a thing to be feared."

"Remember this: that one of the big modern tanks costs as much as two-and-a-half or three Spitfires."

Steel Prison

In order to see a tank gunner in action, I asked to be allowed to travel in a tank when its guns were fired. The tank chosen for me was one of the big new cruiser tanks: a muddier monster that stood in a South Coast morass.

They told me that you could sit inside in perfect safety while a machine-gun was sprayed on you. I climbed the armour-plates and let myself down feet foremost through a steel manhole. I found myself in an armoured strait-waistcoat. Although I knew there was not much room in a tank, I was surprised to discover how closely a modern tank is built round the crew. There was literally not an inch of spare room. We were imprisoned in steel.

On the level of my feet, as I stood in the commander's turret, was the gunner's head. He sat gazing through the telescopic sight, his head pressed into a brow-pad, his left hand on the hydraulic turret control his right hand on the gun triggers.

Next to me, on a lower level, stood a man who popped a shell into a gleaming gun-breech, which instantly closed; and the gun was ready to be fired. He slipped a loaded belt into a machine-gun.

"Advance!"

When gun turret and tank were facing in the same direction, I caught a glimpse of our friend, the driver, but at other times, when we swung round, he disappeared.

The loader shut the turret lid and we were in semi-darkness. He took up a hand telephone. The gunner and driver slipped on ear-phones—imagine three men almost side by side having to telephone to each other!—and then the man with the telephone shouted: "Advance!"

Our steel prison was filled with a deepening roar, and the tank began to move with a smooth, snaky motion, something between a small boat at sea and a fair-ground switchback.

Looking through the commander's plate-glass slit, I saw that we were advancing into a frozen pond.

The black ice splintered at the edges and air bubbles ran under the ice, which cracked with a noise I could not hear as we sank into the pond and ploughed our way up on the other side.

"Fire!"

We were now roaring along at perhaps fifteen or twenty miles an hour. The target was on a distant hillside. The gunner held it in his telescopic sight by revolving the turret, and, no matter how the tank dipped and rose, or swayed from side to side, his whole mind was bent on the task of keeping the guns on the target and the target in the hair-line of his sights.

"Fire!" shouted the man with the telephone.

The gunner pressed the trigger, there was an ear-splitting crack, the shell case shot into a canvas bag, the tank filled with a faint smell of cordite that was instantly blown out by fans, and far off on the hillside the brown earth spat up in front of the target.

We were now running past the target. The gun turret kept swinging round to the rear, and three times came the crack; and three shells plastered the target, dead on. The tank suddenly swerved, dipped its nose into a pit and, turning its own length, began to run back at full speed. I should think we were travelling at thirty miles an hour.

The guns nosed up, moving independently of the body of the tank, and as we again came in view of the target the gunner opened up with his machine-gun and a steady stream of bullets splattered up all round it.

We performed other evolutions. We roared full-speed into a dip of ground and lay hidden, like some prehistoric monster waiting for its prey.

Then our guns crept up on the target, and we just had time to see a direct hit before we roared off and away.

While all this was going on what impressed me was the superb team work necessary between the members of the crew if a tank is to preserve itself in action.

One slack or inefficient member and that tank is in fearful peril with all the lives inside it. The tank is a partially blind, almost totally deaf, monster, impregnable against some forms of attack, easily vulnerable to others.

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And as I saw these men at action stations I compared them, for courage and inter-dependence one upon the other with the crew of a bomber or a submarine.

As we drew to a standstill, three laughing young men in the jumpy black berets of the Royal Tank Regiment climbed out, and leaped to the ground.

"Rotten shooting Jack," said the loader.

"Not so bad," said Jack. "I think we should have made it." The driver strolled round and lit a cigarette.

"Did you hit anything?" he asked innocently.

"No, but you did," they replied. "I suppose you had to take us through that pond twice just to show what a blinkin' awful driver you are."

How Long?

And as they stood chipping one another, I thought to myself: "Here we have the modern version of the Three Musketeers."

But what a monstrous injustice it is that the man behind the guns of that tank, the man whose eye and judgement can condemn the crew to death or bring them brilliantly through to safety, should be penalised by a strip of Whitehall tape.

How long must we wait in the middle of a war for this injustice to be righted?

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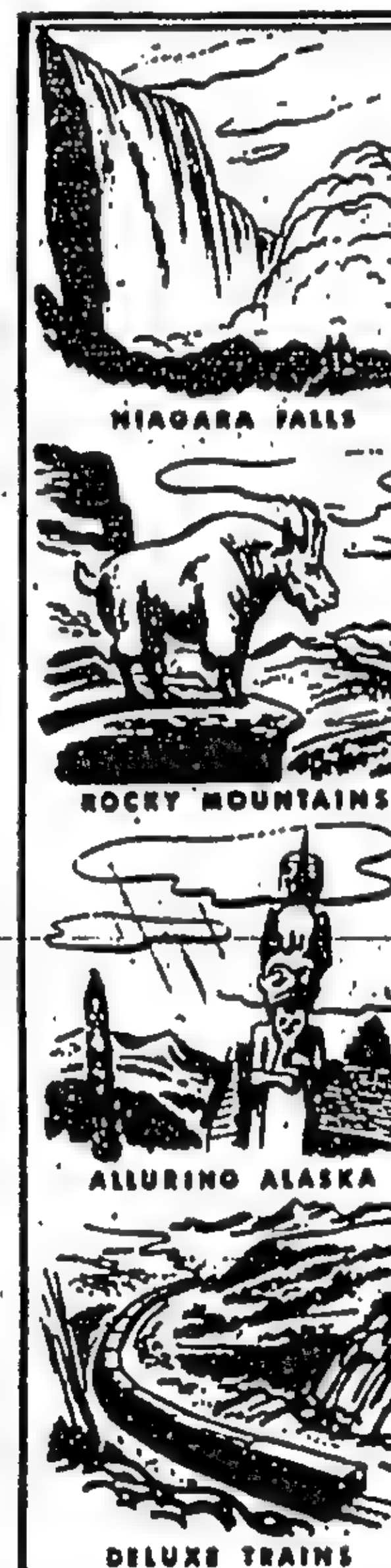
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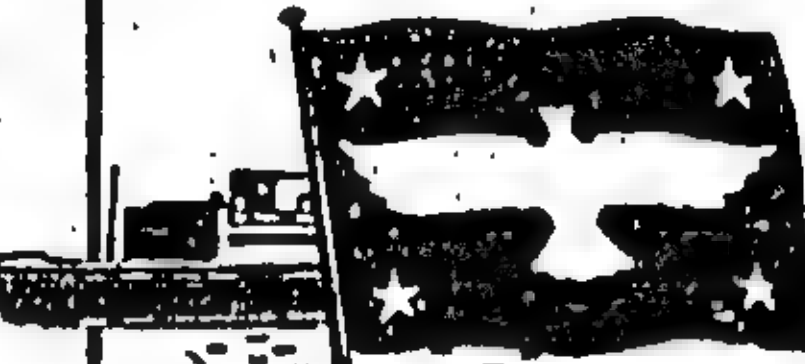
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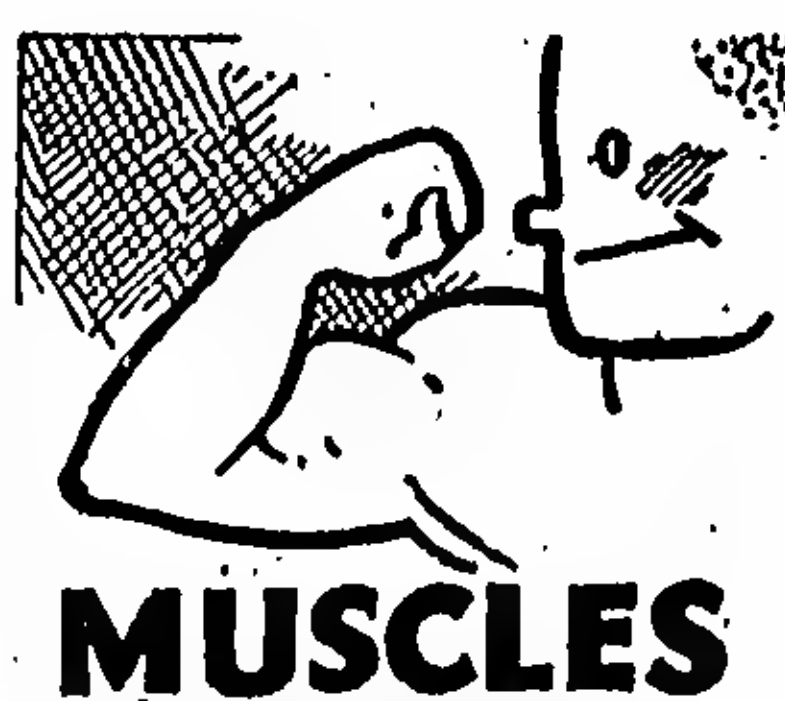
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HITLER AND BALKANS

THE stage is being set for the
first military opposition to Hit-
ler in his quest for the "peace-
ful" subjugation of the whole of
southeast Europe. First move
was Yugo-Slavia's repudiation
of the tri-Power pact signed by
her former Premier and Foreign
Minister; then followed re-
ported (and not officially
denied) massing of British
armed forces on Yugo-Slavia's
southern frontier, and simul-
taneously Yugo-Slavia rushed
troops to her Rumanian, Hun-
garian and Bulgarian borders,
while the Nazis proceeded to
concentrate armies on the other
side of the frontiers. Since then
events have been moving in-
exorably towards a final show-
down.

Mussolini, thoroughly alarmed
at the prospect of a belligerent
Yugo-Slavia, aided by British
men and materials, on the op-
posite side of the Adriatic Sea,
has apparently appointed himself
mediator between Belgrade and
Berlin; Hitler, adopting his now
transparent tactics, is filling his
newspapers with stories of
alleged Yugo-Slav atrocities
upon the Germans. Equally
significant, though perhaps less
obvious in design, is the visit of
Mr Anthony Eden and General
Sir John Dill to Belgrade, and
not to be ignored in these polit-
ical-cum-military manoeuvres
was the recent overture by
Turkey to Yugo-Slavia indicat-
ing willingness to implement an
alliance suggested some time
ago, but which was then cold-
shouldered.

The implication behind all this
is that Hitler's days of over-
running the smaller nations by
brutal intimidation are ended.
He has been brought to a jolting
and unexpected full stop in his
quest for easy conquest of south-
eastern Europe. If he wishes to
progress any further, he must
fight, and it is conceivable, in
view of his pronounced plans re-
garding the battle of the Atlan-
tic, that a war front in the
Balkans is the very last thing he de-
sires. The reasons are crystal clear;
it would entail the diversion of a
not inconsiderable part of his Luft-
waffe from their main field of
operations—western Europe; it would

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Moustache Parade

Further extract from the
diary of a journalist—
turned soldier.

IN this place, men are men.
They have upper lips as
spiky as cacti.

There are soldiers in this
camp who have not kissed a wo-
man since childhood, for fear of
stabbing her through the cheeks
with the waxed ends of their
stiletto-like moustachios.

There is a tale of a sergeant-major
whose moustache, through thirty-
five years of twisting and waxing,
grew into a kind of jorney substance
with which, if enraged, he could rip
people open.

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The man who told me about it is
an old regular soldier. "He used to
sleep wiv 'is old moustache in a
little bag like a 'ammock," he said.
He himself had been trying to
raise a similar proof of virility for
years, but the thin, sandy soil of his
lip yielded nothing but fluff.

We had not been in our new camp
twenty-four hours before the foreign
recruit whom we call Siberia was, as
they say, "Stopped for his mous-
tache."

He affected a row of bristles in the
shape of an eyebrow, which the Lad
from the Elephant and Castle de-
scribed as "Nine hairs and a nit."

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The Regimental Sergeant Major—
a fatherly kind of man about whom
the most insatiable grouser can find
nothing to say—didn't know what to
call it. He simply said: "Shave this
morning?"

Siberia replied: "Yes, sir."

Then the R.S.M., shaking his head
sadly, said:

"Do something about that mous-
tache, son. Cut it off, or else grow
it. Don't leave it hanging about as
if it doesn't know whether it's com-
ing or going."

Siberia said "Yes, sir," and a dark
glint came into his little bright eyes.

Later, he said:

"Cut it off or grow it, eh? Good.
I shall grow it till I make Old Bill
look like a chorus boy."

So he went out and bought a tube
of moustache-pomade, and paced the
hut feeling his lip.

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Next morning, the Kid from
Widnes made a vast commotion over
his shaving. He lathered his pink
face until he was hung with a kind
of Father Christmas beard of white
suds. But he left his upper lip un-
lathered.

He wet his safety-razor, grasped
himself by the left ear, scraped off
scoop, and said "Ah."

We looked at him. "Mmmmm-
mmmm!" he said. "There's nothing
like a shave to liven a man up."

He contorted his face very hideous-
ly, and got rid of more suds.

"One day I'll try some of that thur
brushless cream. . . Maybe I'll get
one o' them thur cut-throats. . .
You get a cleaner shave with one o'
them thur cut-throats. . . And a
bottle o' that thur lotion to take
away the burn. . . Well, how does
it look, Silence?"

The Kid's face was, in fact, as
smooth as an egg—a fried egg.

"How's me tash coming on?" he
asked.

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"What tash?" asked Old Silence,
rather astonished.

At this point, Old Meanie, rushing
in, said: "Widnes, lend us your
razor."

"Wipe it when you've finished,"
said the Kid from Widnes. He
bustled into the hut, borrowed a
mirror from a Corporal, and ex-
amined his face; grabbed Siberia's
tube of moustache-pomade, and plas-
tered his upper lip with it.

"A tash should be trained," he said.
"I'm going to grow a proper tash, a
coloured tash, all brushed up, like."

The Corporal said, "Mind you don't
grow that tash too long, or it'll get
in your gas-mask and suffocate you."

The Kid from Widnes looked grave.

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Then Old Meanie came back, and
said, "Funny, ha?"

"What d'you mean, funny?" asked
the Kid.

"That razor,"

"You fussy git," said the Kid from
Widnes. "It's good enough for
me, it's good enough for you."

"Yeah? Well, it's got no blade in
it!"

"Oh," said the Kid from Widnes.

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the final overthrow of Mussolini in
Albania; it would offer splendid op-
portunities for wholesale sabotage
by antagonistic Rumanians and Bul-
garians; and even if his armies suc-
ceeded in making some progress in
Yugo-Slavia, it would cost them
heavily in men and materials, nei-
ther of which would Hitler find easy
to replace.

War in the Balkans does not pre-
sent a very healthy prospect for
Germany.



PARIS UNDER THE GERMANS

By Polly Peabody

The Parisians of to-day
are prisoners of war under
the vigilant watch of an
army of gaolers. They can
hardly call anything their
own, and their enemy is the
arbiter of their every action.
At first the French were
stunned by the blow of sud-
den defeat. They blamed
their leaders, who had, they
felt, betrayed them, and
cursed their own blindness
and the mistakes of these
last years.

Now the reaction has set
in. They have learned their
lesson under the pressure of
the German boot. As a re-
sult, they are determined to
resist their invader with the
only weapons left at their
command—their wit and
their intelligence. The Ger-
mans have conquered the
country, but they have not
conquered the people, for
they have utterly failed to
understand the French men-
tality.

To-day Paris is a sad and de-
pressing sight. It is more re-
miniscent of a garrison town
than one of the world's most
delightful cities. Bullet-grey
cars roar up and down the
Champs Elysees; troops crowd
the pavements; sentries, salu-
ting and heel clicking, stand at
attention at the doors of hotels
and apartment houses which
have been requisitioned by the
army of occupation. The Swas-
tika flies over every famous
building in the city as a bitter
and constant reminder of the
German triumph.

War On The Walls

Yet in Paris is a war being
waged—not a spectacular war,
but efficient in its purpose. It
is the war of scribbles on the
walls, of hisses and catcalls in
the darkness of the theatre and
cinema, of knowing smiles, of
subtle double meanings in con-
versation—these undermine all
Hitler's propaganda efforts.
The thousands of posters which
paper the walls of the city serve
as an outlet for a growing anger.
The Parisians never miss an oc-
casion to scratch sarcastic com-
ments above the very words that
are supposed to win over their
allegiance, "Vive De Gaulle!"

and "Vive Churchill, a mort Hit-
ler!" as well as "Vichy a vendu
la France aux Allemands. . ."
are scratched on walls and
window-panes; and under cover
of darkness anti-British posters
are torn down.

But the iron grip is tighten-
ing, and severe punishments are
inflicted for any infringement of
the rules or for any apparently
unfriendly attitude. Many of-
fenders are shot. When the
culprit cannot be found some in-
nocent person is shot in his place
and the local community heavily
fined in sums ranging up to a
million francs. Paris cinemas
are closed for weeks when Axis
personalities are hauled on the
screen.

The writer of this
article is a young
American who has
just reached London
after many adventures
in war-time Europe.
She spent the last
three months before
her departure for Eng-
land working in the
American Red Cross
Hospital in Paris.

For the Germans, this Paris
that for so many years has been
hailed as the "Mecca of Jolie de
Vivre," and which was to be the
shining trophy of their drive to
the West, is a disappointment.
Since the day when 187 aero-
planes were shot down over Eng-
land, dancing has been stopped.
Notices of this were posted in
restaurants and night clubs. To
policemen were given long white
gloves to direct the traffic in
German style. In restaurants,
erstwhile slow waiters fairly
sprinted from table to kitchen.
German rules must be obeyed.
Any lingering after curfew hour
lands the offender in polishing
Nazi boots or peeling potatoes
until five o'clock in the morning.
A woman who crosses an avenue
outside the pedestrian zone was,
as a lesson, escorted back and
forth ten times by a Nazi official.
A ray of light from a window in
a black-out may bring a revolver
bullet through one of the panes.

Yet the soul of Paris and of
France still lives. The people
now look to the future with the
great hope that Britain and the
British Empire, their Allies and
their friends, will triumph, and
that they themselves may still
be able to play a part in the
overthrow of the hated Boche.

But most enjoyed by all Hit-
ler's followers are the Paris
shops. These men, denied all
luxuries for so long, who had not
seen a well-furnished store for
years, became infatuated with a
buying craze which bordered on
hysteria. Stocks of perfumes,
silk stockings, silk underwear,
furs, etc., have been almost en-
tirely exhausted. Many shops,
which are not allowed to close,
remain open with empty coun-
ters and barren shelves.

The ingenious Parisians have
found ways of escape from many
unfamiliar difficulties which are
now inflicted upon them. One
of them is the problem of trans-
portation. Taxis and buses no
longer exist. Cycling or walk-
ing is the only substitute.
As bicycles are few, it is not un-
usual to see a man pedalling hard
with his wife in a little trailer
behind.

With most of the shops empty
and the German occupation mark
still greatly mistrusted by the
French, a system of barter has
sprung up in Paris. A few eggs
are exchanged for knitting wool,
a few lumps of coal for a little
oil, a piece of soap for almost
anything. The acute shortage of
food taxes the skill of the French
cook, who, without the necessary
ingredients, still feels he must
save his reputation.

Shortage Of Food

Food cards are issued and ra-
tions are growing smaller.
There are long waiting lines in
the streets outside the markets.
Housewives often stand in the
cold for hours, only to return
home empty-handed.

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outside the pedestrian zone was,
as a lesson, escorted back and
forth ten times by a Nazi official.
A ray of light from a window in
a black-out may bring a revolver
bullet through one of the panes.

Yet the soul of Paris and of
France still lives. The people
now look to the future with the
great hope that Britain and the
British Empire, their Allies and
their friends, will triumph, and
that they themselves may still
be able to play a part in the
overthrow of the hated Boche.

Japanese Release Lighters

Shanghai Incident

SHANGHAI, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—Just 34 hours after detention, the Japanese naval authorities yesterday released seven lighters belonging to three foreign concerns, several native lighters and approximately 500 tons of general merchandise consigned by Chinese and foreign shippers to Hongkong, Rangoon and Calcutta by the British steamer, Helen Moller, according to the "North China Daily News." It is understood that three of the seven foreign lighters belonged to British firms.

The release, it is reported, followed discussions between the Foreign Consuls concerned and competent Japanese authorities.

Quoting a Chinese source, the newspaper says that the Japanese acted on the assumption that the cargo involved was destined for Chungking.

Menzies In Belfast

Essence Of Living

BELFAST, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Declaring that "the tyranny of a man over man and German minds is one of the saddest things in history," Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister of Australia, in a speech here, gave as an instance Libya which he described as "one of the most miserable and worthless desert countries any man ever laid eyes on."

The Australians, who had cleared it, had millions of acres of desert of their own without wanting more. What was at stake, he added, was the real essence of living without which they would not care to live at all.

"The essential genius of the British Empire could never be translated into terms of black and white," he added.

CHINA WAR

Japanese Base At Nanchang Menaced

CHUNGKING, Apr. 3 (Central News).—After having mopped up the remnant Japanese units in the Kuoan-Peng area in northern Kiangsi, Chinese columns are giving hot chase to the Japanese fleeing eastward. The vanguards of Chinese troops are preparing to launch an assault on Nanchang.

The Japanese advance inland from Lukung in south Kwangtung has been effectively checked. A Japanese unit driving northward from Kungting to Salkang on March 31 was beaten back with severe losses. Another Japanese detachment attacking Foklo east of Lukung is now engaged by the Chinese.

In northern Kiangsu, the Japanese at Hwaiwan on the Grand Canal recently made repeated attacks on Chowchichwang, south-east of the city, but failed in their drives.

More than 100 casualties were inflicted upon a Japanese detachment attacking Wangchi south of Kiangsi in Chinghsing, southern Kiangsu, following a severe clash with the Chinese, who also captured numerous arms including rifles and machine-guns.

Along Yangtze

SOUTH ANHWEI, Apr. 3 (Central News).—The Japanese counter-attack in the Pengtsh area on the south bank of the Yangtze in north-east Kiangsi launched at the end of last month has been repulsed with losses.

Under cover of a heavy artillery bombardment, a large Japanese detachment on the morning of March 30 attacked Chinese positions south of Pengtsh, but was thrown back.

A Japanese unit pushing from Malukow south of Pengtsh to Sung-chiatsun on March 29 was likewise repulsed.

"Bisley" Meeting

Splendid Shooting By L/Corporal Allo

REMARKABLE SHOOTING was recorded at the Kowloon City Ranges yesterday when the third day's events in the Bisley meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Rifle Association were held.

The outstanding feature was provided by L/Cpl. Allo, Royal Engineers, who landed the list of final 20 qualifiers for the Association Service Rifle Championship and then put up a magnificent effort when he totalled 48 of a possible 50.

Platoon Match, Hutton Challenge Cup—1. Headquarters Middlesex, 221; 2. H.M.S. Tamar, 202; 3. 5th Rajputa, 198; 4. 57th Rajputa, 191; 5. Headquarters Royal Scots, 188; 6. 57th Rajputa, 187; 7. 2nd Coy Middlesex, 186; 8. 5th Rajputa, 185; 9. 2nd Coy Middlesex, 184; 10. 5th Rajputa, 183; 11. 2nd Coy Middlesex, 182; 12. 5th Rajputa, 181; 13. 2nd Coy Middlesex, 180; 14. 5th Rajputa, 179; 15. 2nd Coy Middlesex, 178; 16. 5th Rajputa, 177; 17. 2nd Coy Middlesex, 176; 18. 5th Rajputa, 175; 19. 2nd Coy Middlesex, 174; 20. 5th Rajputa, 173.

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Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. London	1/2 1/2
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T.T. Shanghai	450
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	105
T.T. France	103
T.T. Switzerland	103
T.T. Australia	170 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	84 1/2
30 d/s India	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Three New Track Records At Extra Meeting

**Peter Wei Registers Four Wins:
Eric Moller Most Successful
Owner: United Express Fails**

RACING AT HAPPY VALLEY last Saturday was excellent and so was the riding of Mr Peter Wei, who piloted four ponies to victory, registering at the same time a "hat trick" on Vanity Fair, Velvetlight and Moonlight. The jockey had to exert pressure on the first two gee-gees, but the trip on Moonlight was an armchair ride.

A feature of the Second Extra Meeting was the failure of Distant View and United Express in the major handicap event, and there were three new track records at the new scale of weights.

The invincible Sapper carrying 159 lb. won the Broken Hill Handicap in easy fashion over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, in one minute 53 seconds, and Mrs A. E. Grasett's pony, lowered Happy Returns' figure by nine two-fifths seconds.

Vanity Fair (159 lb.) annexed the Hobart Handicap (first section) for "B" class Australian ponies over six furlongs in one minute 16 seconds, cutting Distant View's time by two two-fifths seconds.

Velvetlight (159 lb.) captured the Canton Handicap (first section) confined to "B" class China ponies over six furlongs in one minute 22½ seconds, slicing Oolong's record at the Annual Carnival by one two-fifths seconds.

Luckily the above three fastest runs were performed prior to the tumbling down of heavy clouds, but the rain did not in any way dampen the enthusiasm of the followers of the turf.

Successful Owner

THE most successful owner was Mr Eric Moller of Shanghai who ran away with the first Stewards' Cup presented by the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, the Canton Handicap (first section) and the Hobart Handicap (second section).

The shipping magnate's three candidates gained a "small fortune" to a total of \$2,900 plus the handsome silver trophy, and this will, of course, be added to Mr Moller's already fine collection of silver cups.

Though there was no "three figure" dividends, one could hardly say that spotting the winners at last Saturday's racing was easy, and I think the difficulty was on account of the merging of the new and old runners for the "first time" in the handicap events.

It may be of interest to note that the first three placed runners in the Canton Handicap (first section) for "B" class China ponies were the youngsters of this year, while in the Hobart Handicap (second section) for Australian "B" enters the first two belonged to the class of subscription ponies of the current season.

More Easter Races

PUNTERS will be glad to know that there are 12 races (instead of the usual 10 events) in each day at the Easter season, and it looks to me a complicated programme.

Ponies that are entered for sprint events (confined to both classes of Australian ponies of this season) are barred from entering for distance runs and vice versa.

It must be admitted that this will prevent owners from nominating their ponies to run out of distances. And we will certainly have some job to spot the winners at the Easter Meeting.

Great Disappointment

LET us return to last Saturday's racing. To the sad disappointment of 1,100 chances taken by those in the know, Odeon (Necda) failed to justify the confidence, and the stalling was badly beaten in the opening event, Kongmun Plate, by Eve of Grandeur by two lengths.

Had the writer known that Sir Victor's griffin was going to accept, he would have tipped the chestnut to win. I said in my notes that he was a cheater, Guardian and Times both dangerous.

Starlight Carries Off Stewards' Cup Event

COLOOMA HALF A LENGTH BEHIND

THE INAUGURAL CLASSIC, Stewards' Cup, was the first handicap event for Australian pony griffins of this season over a middle distance, and there were ten acceptances out of 16 entries. I am sure the Stewards must have been quite satisfied with the response, and the contest provided a tight finish.

Starlight won by half length with a neck separating Colooma and Mountain View. What a joy it would have been to the Stewards had Colooma crossed the line first, for Sir Victor's griffin and Mr D. C. Edmonston had joint interest in the race.

The public also took a great interest in the event, and Oracle carried all the money with 2029 chances for a win, followed by Colooma (1434 chances) and Gloaming (1149).

Perfect Start

HOWEVER, the start was perfect. Nomine Poenne (S. W. Lee) tried runaway tactics, which, of course, went well until the bottom of the hill was reached, but after that the pony was losing ground, and the brown faded out of the picture.

It was rather unusual to see Mr Needs taking his mount to the front, for at the half-mile beacon Oracle was running behind Nomine

Sapper Outruns Rest Of Field

THE BROKEN HILL Handicap for "A" class Australian ponies was a grand race, but Sapper was too good, and the chestnut by Fare continued in winning vein to register his third success, earning for Mrs Grasett an aggregate sum of \$5,500 since the beginning of the year.

United Express let the public down very badly and the jockey took too much out of the pony in adopting the runaway strategy.

Looking over the various quarters of the record time established by Sapper, one cannot fail to see that United Express' time from one mile beacon to six furlong post was 24½ seconds and at that rate it was impossible for the Roosty-Hill Derby winner to be among the first three—the mare finished sixth.

Basketball Charity Games

Macao Teams To Play South China To-morrow

TWO STARRY basketball games, in aid of charity, have been carded for to-morrow afternoon in the open air gymnasium at the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road, when a visiting girls' and men's cage quintette from Macao will clash in exhibition encounters with the two champion South China A.A. teams.

Tournament Tennis

**TSUI WAI-PU
BEATS K. H. YIP
IN STRAIGHT SETS**

THOUGH great things were expected of K. H. Yip in yesterday's Open Singles tennis match against Tsui Wai-pui, the latter was the man on the court and dictated play.

Yip, Champion of South China A.A., was the most promising of the players this year, and though reliable with his ground shots, his over-head work and his service are still in need of improvement.

Tsui led in both sets 5-2, and in both permitted Yip to draw up to 4-5 before going out 6-4 in each case. He seems to have regained command of his shots and is a different player from the one who was beaten by S. A. Rumjahn in the final last year.

Volleying duels were brisk and in these Yip showed a steadiness on the backhand that was one of his greatest assets. Both players drove deep and accurately, and their baseline rallies were spectacular to watch.

The Match

Tsui took the first game, and though Yip won the second and third, Tsui won four games in a row to lead 6-2. At this stage he led 40-15 and though with two set points, lost the game in the face of excellent opposition from Yip.

He took the 10th game and the set. The second set was similar to the first in the trend of scoring. But in this 10th game, Yip led 40-30 when he served his first double fault of the match.

The proceeds from the sale of tickets to the stands are for the Bomber Fund.

Results:
Colony singles.—Tsui Wai-pui beat K. H. Yip 6-4, 6-4.
Club handicap doubles.—F. W. Carter and E. N. Thurbay beat R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay 6-2, 6-0. H. G. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth beat D. B. H. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop 6-2, 6-3.
Club mixed doubles.—V. R. Gordon and Mrs D. B. Sinclair beat Mr and Mrs D. L. Prophet 6-3, 6-0.

In the opening game at 3.30 p.m., the all-star girls team from Macao will take on South China A.A.'s classy cageballers.

The Caroline Hill girls have just been crowned Colony Open League champions and holders of the C. T. Wang Cup, and are eager to defeat the girl starlets from Macao in their first game since copping the title.

Men's Match

At 4.30 p.m. South China's brilliant men's quintette clash with the Macao stars in the featured game.

The visiting stars will include in their lineup the cream of basketball players in the Portuguese Colony, and are considered to be a very strong aggregation, playing a fast, wide open style of game.

The champion South China A.A. hoopers have been in there practicing hard for this important tilt and are slated to bring up three youthful players from their second team to augment the starry veterans.

Admission to this two-game programme will be 20 and 30 cents.

Cricket

D.B.S. Defeat H.M.S. Tamar By 94 Runs

Diocesan Boys' School beat H.M.S. Tamar by 94 runs in a friendly game of cricket yesterday. A. J. Hulse was the outstanding player of the match, scoring 58 and taking 6 for 24. G. A. Goodban, Headmaster, assisted in the scoring of 140 with hard knock of 32.

Scores were:
D.B.S.—148 (A. J. Hulse 58, G. A. Goodban 32, J. Macaulay 18, Douglas 2 for 18).

H.M.S. Tamar—54 (Hogan 14, Whiteside 12, Hulse 6 for 24, Ebrahim 4 for 22).

Today's Matches

To-day's matches are:
SINGLES
Tsui Yan-pui v. Paul Kong (Stand court).
M. Pagh v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Special Dollar Sweep On Lung Chen Handicap

A NICE PROGRAMME of six interesting events has been framed by the Macao Jockey Club for their April Meeting to be held at Area Preta on Sunday.

A special dollar cash sweep of 50,000 tickets is being conducted on the Lung Chen Handicap confined to "Y" class China ponies, and the run is over the mile.

The curtain raiser will be the Chinshan Handicap (first section for "E" class China ponies over six furlongs. On paper Piet Hein with Mr "Pinky" Botelho in the saddle should win, but be careful with Dow-Jones who is a great fighter. National Success, if sound, is dangerous.

The second section of the Chinshan Handicap should provide a good finish. Though Radium Star has been whispered as the best, I am afraid of Sports Venture with a pull of 7 lb. and Gallant Marshal is also nicely weighted.

Plain View must not be overlooked, for the blackie ran a good race in Fanning on February 2, and paid \$73.20 for a win.

In the third section of the Chinshan Handicap, Mac's Adventure looks a good thing, with National Anthem and Cuban Love to follow in the rear.

The Best Event

THE best event of the meeting will be seen in the Lingnan Handicap for "D" class China ponies over five furlongs, and my best three are Lovely Star, Blue Field and Night Express.

I hear that the last named may not make the trip, and if the report is true, Sylvandale should fill the third position in the frame.

Meadow Eve Favoured

FAIRY OUSEL is at the head of the ladder with weight in the Lung Chen Handicap for "Y" class China ponies, and this is surely a stiff proposition for Mr Jack Bragg's candidate.

Mr Gellion's Fairy Auk has not been running too well lately, but with a pull of lead the grey should be able to put up a good fight on Sunday.

My choice is Mr Liang's Meadow Eve with Victory Life to follow.

Novices Race

THE Shekki Plate for "A" class China ponies will be ridden by novices, and it is not a handicap event. The Mermaid, Eagle and The Spirit of St Louis should cross the wire in the order I have named.

Final Selections

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Dow-Jones

Piet Hein

Heddon

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Sports Venture

Radium Star

Plain View

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (THIRD SECTION)

Mac's Adventure

National Anthem

Cuban Love

LINGNAN HANDICAP

Lovely Star

Blue Field

Night Express

LUNG CHEN HANDICAP

Meadow Eve

Victory Life

Fairy Auk

SHEKKI PLATE

The Mermaid

Eagle

The Spirit of St Louis

Police XI To Meet

Club de Recreio

HOCKEY in aid of the Bomber Fund will be played at the Police ground, Boundary Street, on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. when the Police meet the Club de Recreio in a Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament match.

Neither team has yet been beaten, and the outcome of the game will have a great bearing on the ultimate championship.

The Police team has been selected and will be as follows:

Gough (capt.); Hayward, Leslie; Blackburn, Howlett, Parker; Brown, Naranjo Singh, Man Singh, Jasbir Singh and Teja Singh.

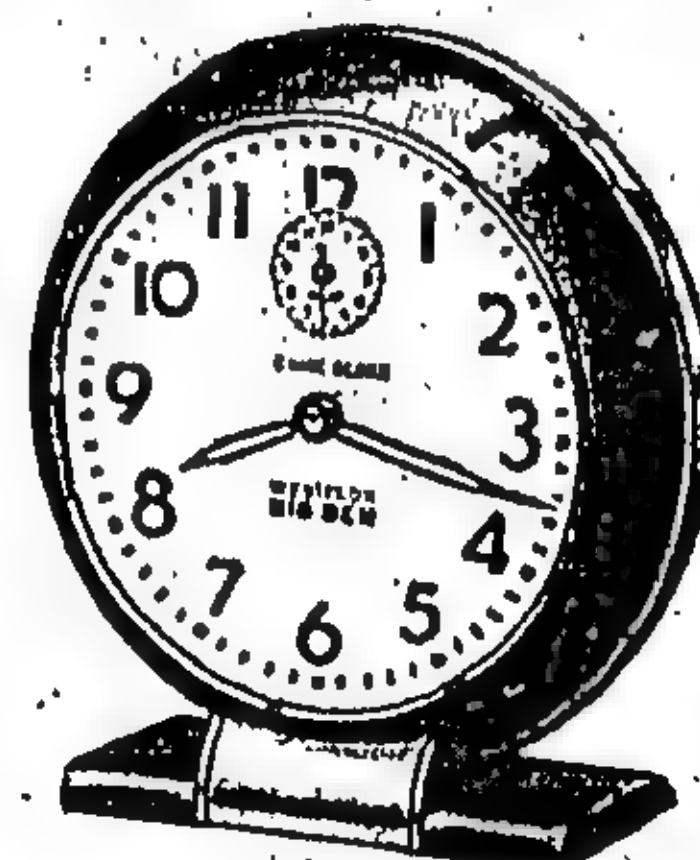
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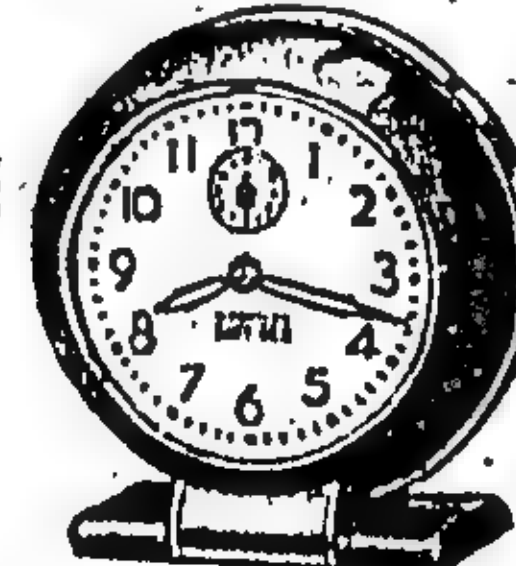
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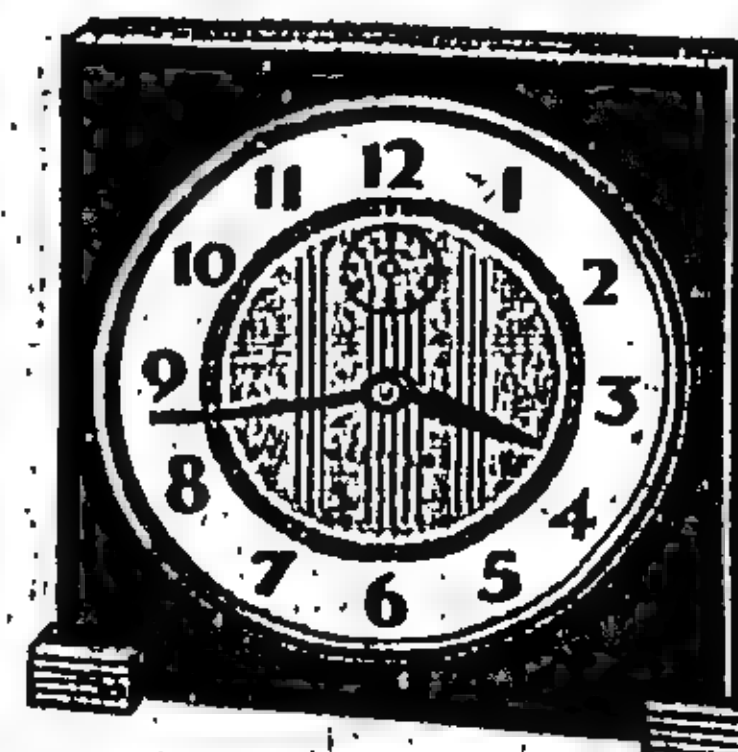
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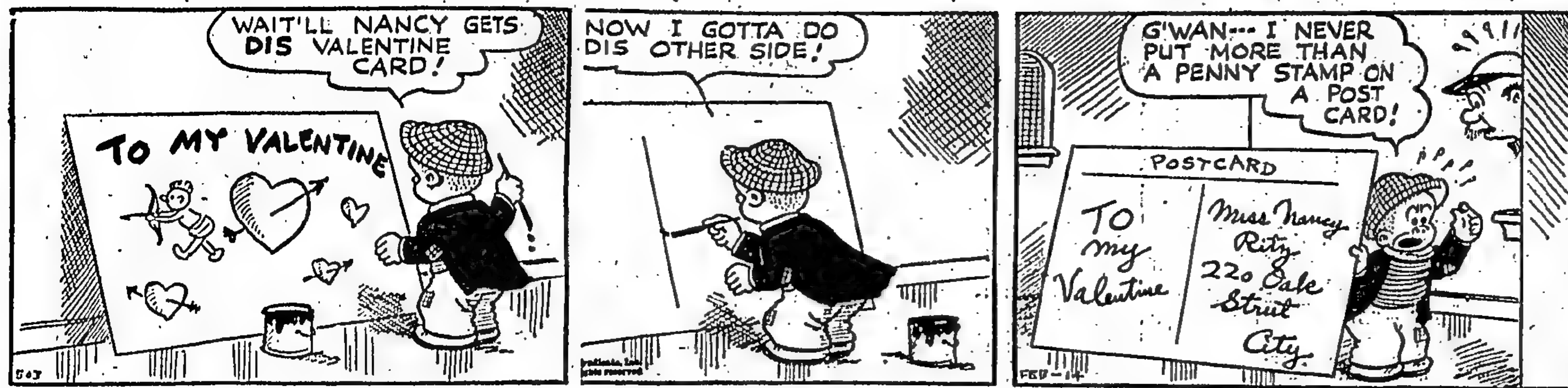
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No. 7 Police Station and Mess	60
Thrill Shop (sale of old clothes)	24
R.A.O.B. (O.E.) (March)	20
"Two Poker School" (sixth donation)	50
Messantile Marine Office Bomb (third donation)	100
Texaco Shrapnel Box (fifth donation)	49.10
Mr. F. F. Buttress	13.05
The following monthly donations were also received yesterday:	
Mr. Donald Black	\$25
Miss North Stone	25
Mrs. D. G. Frost	10
Miss K. M. Anderson	10
Mr. C. D. E. Bergler	20
Miss E. M. H. Buckland	10
Major C. H. Boyer	50
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H. G. K. Pierce	15
Miss C. S. Vincent	5

REFUGEE SOCIAL WELFARE
The Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council gratefully acknowledge the following gifts to their "1941 Appeal Fund":
Mr. J. Owen Hughes, \$10; Mrs. L. W. H. Doon (St. Peter's F. R.), \$20; Mrs. Y. J. Poon (St. Peter's F. R.), \$20; Mr. Jan Con Sang (Food Kitchens), \$50; Mrs. Mok (St. Peter's F. R.), \$20; Mr. Chung Sang (Food Kitchens), \$20; Mrs. Cunningham (Food Kitchens), \$10; the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, \$10,000; a Friend, \$10; Rev. F. E. Myles, \$75; Anonymous, \$10; Dr. A. Sydenham, \$5; St. Stephen's Girls' College, \$50.
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul acknowledge receipt of the following donations in memory of the late Mr. J. Baptista:
Chev. J. M. Alves, \$5; Mr. S. Phua, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. M. de Figueiredo, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Barnes, \$1.

Release of Many Aliens In Britain and Empire

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Half of the 27,000 enemy aliens detained in Britain and the Dominions have obtained their freedom under the White Paper publishing the categories of those eligible for release.

The latest figures of releases is 13,500, of whom approximately 1,300 are Italians and the remainder Germans and Austrians.

Six thousand of those detained went to Australia and Canada, and some hundreds of these also will now enjoy their liberty.

Between 8,000 and 9,000 enemy aliens are still interned in Britain and 5,000 overseas.

Nearly 2,000 were freed to enable them to enlist in the Pioneer Corps.

German Socialists

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—German socialist organisations in Britain have banded together "to fight Hitler and his Allies with all the means at our disposal," according to a joint declaration issued to-day.

The declaration says: "German socialists in Britain are united in the conviction that the military defeat and overthrow of the Hitler regime, the final subjugation of Germany

Nazism and the elimination of the social basis of Hitler's dictatorship are indispensable conditions of permanent peace, of the reconstruction of Europe and of the democratic and socialist future of Germany."

New Ambassadorship For Dr Koo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Dr Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to Vichy will succeed Mr. Quo Tai-chi as Ambassador to London.

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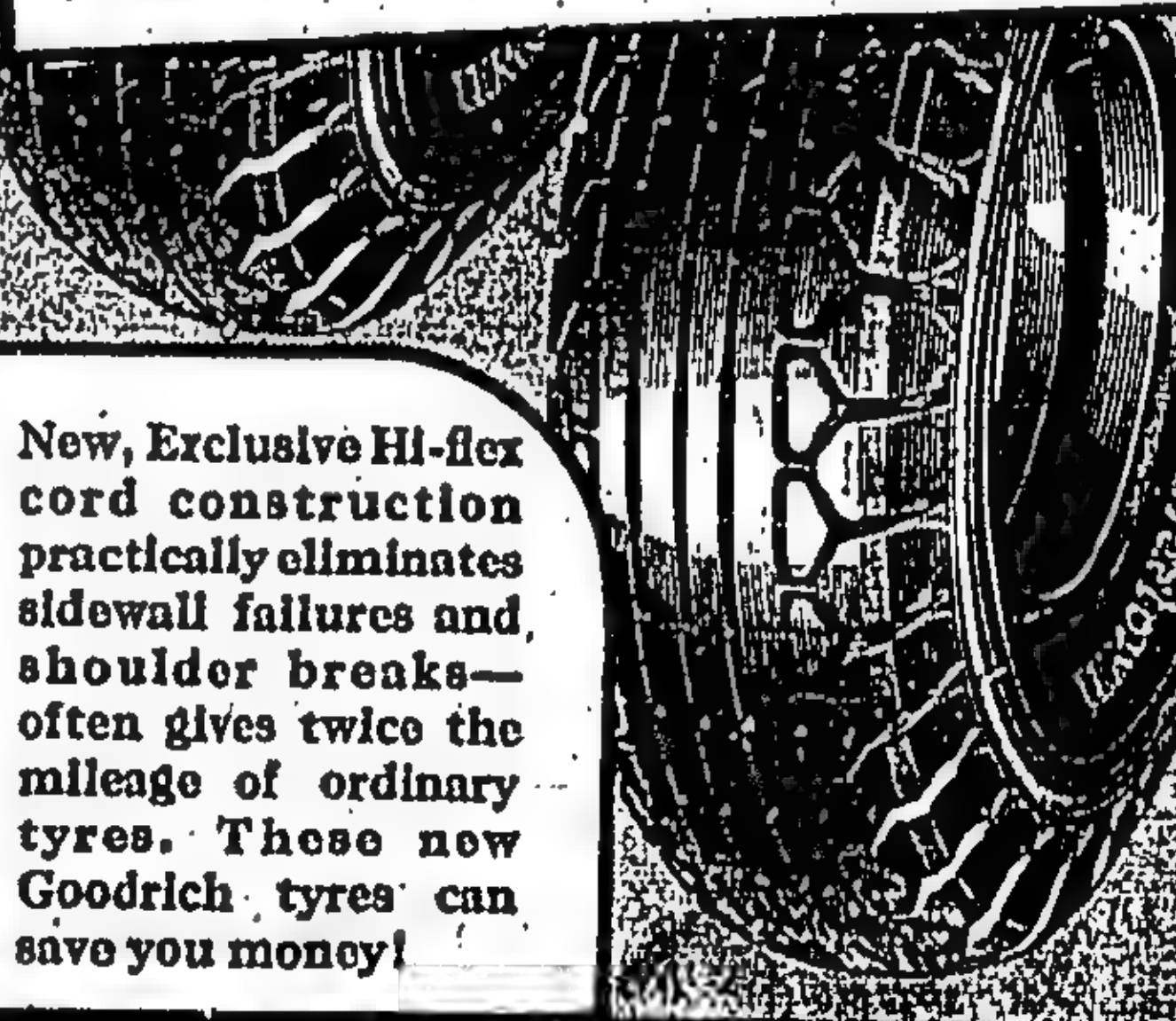
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Fall Of Massawa Not Yet Confirmed

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successfully engaged an enemy force, killing 28 and capturing 80.
In Eastern Somaliland, patrols engaged a force at Armed Banda. The enemy lost 10 killed and 90 captured. Rifles, eight machine-guns and 100 camels were also taken. Our casualties were nil.

"On the Harar front, the advance on Addis Ababa is being maintained."

Hearing Truth
NAIROBI, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Italians in East Africa are now hearing the facts of the war situation. A daily news bulletin in Italian is being broadcast in Italian Somaliland and in Abyssinia from Nairobi.

The British authorities have started an Italian newspaper in Mogadiscio which gives the main war news, including British, German and Italian communiqués.

Minor Engagements
CAIRO, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The spokesman described the operations in Libya as "minor engagements of no particular importance. Our forward troops have withdrawn to positions north of Agedabia, 90 miles from Benghazi."

Disorderly Italians
CAIRO, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Rioting and looting by Italian colonial troops in Asmara preceded the entry of the British Imperial forces into the Eritrean capital said a British military spokesman here to-night.

To ensure the safety of Italian families in Asmara, the Italian Bishop and the Chief of Police appealed to the British to occupy the town and restore order.

This is the first tangible sign of serious domestic trouble threatening the remaining Italian forces in East Africa.

The spokesman said that South African troops were increasing their pressure after capturing Misso.

It is expected in Cairo that Addis Ababa will be declared an open town owing to the large number of Italian women and children there.

Capture of Misso
NAIROBI, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The official communiqué giving news of the capture of Misso pays tribute to the co-operation in Abyssinia of forces under the command of the Air Officer Commanding in Aden.

It says: "These aircraft have carried out many successful attacks on the enemy's rear areas and communications."

Budapest Situation Is Tense
—FROM PAGE ONE—

pressure on Hungary to break with Yugoslavia.

One of Count Teleki's proudest successes was his agreement with Yugoslavia, removing the causes of political friction between the two countries and establishing a basis of peaceful collaboration in mutual confidence and economic understanding.

Friendship With Yugoslavia
Germany evidently cannot tolerate friendship between her vassal, Hungary, and independent, spirited Yugoslavia, and Count Teleki, who had shown courage and conscientiousness in administration, felt the struggle between his principles and German pressure more than he could face.

He has taken the way out that seemed to him easier.

There are many politicians in Budapest who might be willing tools of Germany but Admiral Horthy is also a man of independent mould and his choice of a successor to Count Teleki may delay, if it does not circumvent, the German plans.

Attitude of Bulgars
Bulgarians, who also were very delighted with their pact of perpetual friendship with Yugoslavia are similarly being dragged into opposition. The Bulgar-Serbian rapprochement was a very real thing and had greatly contributed to the pacification of the Balkans.

The Germans will not find it easy to poison the relations between the two peoples even if they drive the Bulgarians into an appearance of open enmity.

CHUNGKING, Apr. 3 (Central News).—After an absence of more than a year, Baron J. Guillaume, the Belgian Ambassador to China, returned here this morning by air from Hongkong.

Offensive Sentence In Jane's Issue

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Aircraft Production issued the following announcement to-day:

"The attention of the Ministry of Aircraft Production has been brought to a picture captioned in the new issue of Jane's 'All The World's Aircraft' inimical to the friendly relations existing between Britain and the United States. Neither the publication itself nor the principal Editor, Mr C. G. Grey, has any official status. The publishers have stated that they are recalling all copies of the publication with a view to removing the offensive sentences."

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RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Italian freighter, Himalaya, 6,240 tons, arrived here to-day direct from Somaliland.

Camouflaged but unarmed, she is the second Italian ship to arrive at Rio since the war.

The German freighter, Babington, 4,422 tons, cleared the Customs at Santos on Wednesday with a cargo of fuel and is expected to leave soon.

Feverish preparation for departure is still reported from a North Brazilian port, where seven Italian cargo ships are laid up.

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BELGRADE PREPARES FOR AIR RAIDS: NAZIS MASSING ON FRONTIER

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, APR. 3 (UP).—RADIO BELGRADE ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED BELGRADE AN OPEN CITY AND THERE WILL BE A BLACK OUT TO-NIGHT WHEN THE SIRENS SOUND. IT IS RUMOURED IN MANY QUARTERS THAT THE GERMANS ARE CONCENTRATING AN AIR FORCE NEAR THE YUGO-SLAV FRONTIER.

200,000 Nazi Troops Massed on Border

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (UP).—Balkan travellers cabled to the "United Press," eyewitness reports that Germany has massed over 200,000 crack troops in Rumania near the Yugo-Slavian frontier. A very reliable eyewitness said that the Nazi forces are concentrated mainly along a 100 mile stretch of the frontier from Timisoara to Turnu-Severin.

MARIBOR AIR RAID ALARM

ZAGREB, Apr. 3 (UP).—The air raid alarm sounded for a few minutes at noon time to-day at Maribor when a foreign fighter plane flew over the town at a very high altitude and disappeared after anti-aircraft guns had opened fire.

NAZIS APPRECIATE SERIOUSNESS

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—An authorised German military source said to-day that the British may have landed a total of 350,000 troops in Greece. He indicated that the High Command appreciated the seriousness of the Balkan outlook. He asserted that Australian and New Zealand troops had taken up positions in north Greece facing the Yugo-Slavian and Bulgarian frontiers.

Nazis May Have To Forfeit Ships

Sabotaging Crewmen On High Bail

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BOSTON, Apr. 4 (UP).—Unusually high bail, totalling \$450,000 has been fixed for five officers and five seamen of the German tanker Pauline Frederick, arraigned to-day, but who refused to plead to sabotage charges.

The Federal Attorney, Mr Edmund Brandon, said the defendants refused to plead "presumably at the instigation of a representative of a Government of which they are nationals."

Diplomats Involved

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP).—At the press conference to-day, Mr Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, was asked whether or not Axis diplomats had ordered sabotage on the ships which were seized, and he replied, "the facts speak for themselves." He asserted that all legal aspects regarding the seizure, including the possible forfeiture to the American Government are under study, adding, "If they had not have damaged the ships, the chances are that we would never have taken them over."

Returns From Hunt

CALLAO, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Peruvian cruiser Grau returned to-day after hunting for the crews from the German freighter Muenchen, 3,810 tons and 14 months, 2,810 tons, which were after and abandoned last Wednesday afternoon at Para. It is rumoured that a Canadian cruiser is in the vicinity.

GESTAPO'S REPRISALS

More Americans In Berlin Arrested

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—At least seven, and possibly more, United States citizens "were arrested during the night. Nazis admitted the action was 'not impossible' a reprisal for the seizure of German ships in United States ports.

The police intimated that all have been released, some during the late evening and others this morning, after they had been held incommunicado at the Alexander Platz headquarters of the Gestapo.

All seven men have resided in Germany for a considerable time, the majority of them being students, engaged in no gainful occupation. The Rev. Stewart Herman, Pastor of the American Church in Berlin, was also arrested in his apartment Wednesday evening but was quickly released.

Importance of Dollars To Britain's Cause

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The effect of the Lend Lease and Lend Bill on United Kingdom export policy was dealt with by Captain Oliver Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade, replying to questions in the House of Commons to-day.

This country, he said, needs more and more supplies of every kind from the United States. The British Government are grateful for the ungrudging aid they have already received and are fortified by the assurance which the Lend Lease and Lend Act provides for the continued supplies of essential goods. Our need for dollars, however, remains very great and anything which adds to our dollar earnings is

a contribution of first-rate importance to our cause. That was one reason why the British Government still regarded it as a necessity for this country to maintain and extend its exports to the United States and continue to give every assistance to that trade. The extent to which this purpose could be achieved of course depended largely on the response of buyers in the United States and he trusted that they would continue to ask for our products. Experience, he thought, would have demonstrated to them the ability to

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Why Teleki Died

BELGRADE, Apr. 3 (UP).—It is reported in diplomatic circles that the Premier of Hungary, Count Teleki, committed suicide because he felt unable to accept the German demands that Hungary join in a war against Yugo-Slavia.

It is recalled that Count Teleki and the late Count Stephen Czakay were among the prime-movers last December of the Yugo-Slav-Hungarian eternal friendship pact.

New Premier

BUDAPEST, Apr. 3 (UP).—It is officially announced that Dr de Bardossy, the Foreign Minister has been appointed Premier, succeeding Count Teleki who committed suicide.

Situation Discussed

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day discussed the Balkan situation with the Yugo-Slavian and Hungarian Ministers.

Matchek Accepts

BELGRADE, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Croat Leader, Dr Vladimir Matkovic, to-day accepted the Yugo-Slavian offer of a two-day visit to the highest United States defence officials. The "Herald" quoted the Air Marshal as stating that he was returning to Manila on April 8 or 9 when he would stay for several days. He said, "my visit was most interesting" however, he refused to elaborate on the conversations.

Thai-French Battle Dead

BANGKOK, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—The Thai Government have announced that 99 Thai soldiers were killed in the border conflict with Indochina from the outbreak of hostilities in November to the signing of the mediation agreement on March 10, states a Japanese report. The number of wounded is said to be small. The announcement estimated that the Indo-Chinese dead totalled between 700 and 800.

Fall of Massawa Reported, But Not Yet Confirmed

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Apr. 3 (UP).—The military spokesman to-day said the report that Massawa had fallen had not been confirmed, but he added that British troops are pressing on toward that point from Asmara.

He asserted that the tempo of the advance in Eritrea and Abyssinia was quickening rapidly with definite signs of the Italians cracking. He thought it likely that Addis Ababa will be declared an open town.

AXIS MAY ATTEMPT LYBIAN OFFENSIVE

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—It is strongly suspected here that the Germans will attempt some sort of offensive in Libya, coincident with the ripening of the Balkan situation, in order to deter the British from sending any substantial forces from Libya to Greece.

The fact that the R.A.F. raided Tripoli harbour four times in five nights, as well as attacking motor transport in Tripolitania on Tuesday night, is an advance indication that the military situation in this sector is rapidly developing.

Strong Axis Forces

CAIRO, Apr. 3 (UP).—It is officially stated that the British have evacuated Benghazi. The text of the General Headquarters communiqué reads: "In the face of a determined advance by strong German and Italian troops, disposing numerous tanks, and in pursuance of a policy successfully adopted at Sidi Barrani of waiting to choose our own battlefield, our light covering detachments have been withdrawn to selected concentrated areas." It is unofficially reported that the British inflicted "considerable casualties" on enemy personnel and tanks west of Benghazi.

London Disappointed

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The evacuation of Benghazi is a bitter blow, and was unexpected in London, TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Brooke-Popham Leaves Manila

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Apr. 4 (UP).—Chief Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham and staff left for Hongkong at 9.30 a.m. ending a two-day visit to the highest United States defence officials. The "Herald" quoted the Air Marshal as stating that he was returning to Manila on April 8 or 9 when he would stay for several days. He said, "my visit was most interesting" however, he refused to elaborate on the conversations.

LATEST

Conte Verde Gets Ready For Dash

SHANGHAI, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—Everything points to the Italian liner Conte Verde here making an early dash for Japan similar to the German steamship Ramse which left on March 31. The Conte Verde, which is the only large Axis ship left here has been busy taking on fuel, water and foodstuffs for the past two days. She will probably go to Kobe where she may be fitted out as a raider.

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77 Survivors Rescued

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SANTA CRUZ, TENERIFFE, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Spanish trans-Atlantic steamer Cabo Hornos arrived here to-day from Buenos Aires with 77 members of the crew of the British steamer Britannia, (8,800 tons), which was sunk by the German armed auxiliary cruiser Corsair on March 24, some 700 miles west off Sierra Leone.

The Britannia had a crew of 480, including some soldiers and it is feared that they have been lost. Many of them perished in the shark infested waters from shark attacks and exposure, since the men were in life boats and on rafts for five days before they were picked up. The majority of the arrivals have been taken to hospital.

Colony Population, Excluding the N.T., Numbers 1,444,725, Latest Census Shows

The recent census of the Colony's population undertaken by the Corps of Air Raid Precautions shows that the total number of people on the Island of Hongkong and the Kowloon Peninsula is 1,444,725 of all nationalities. This was revealed by the Deputy Director of Air Raid Precautions, Mr B. H. Puckle, at a Press interview this morning.

The totals are: Hongkong Island 709,294; Kowloon 581,431; Water-borne, 164,000.

These figures do not take into account the population of the New Territories, where no census was taken, but it is estimated that the population there is between 120,000 and 150,000.

Though the figures cannot be one hundred per cent. correct, he added, they are as nearly so as possible. There was every co-operation on the part of the public in this task, which made the work of the Air Raid Wardens so much easier.

No figures can yet be released as to the density of the population in any particular area, as these have still to be checked and tabulated, but it is considered that the Central area of the city will show the thickest population.

Previous Figures

The last census taken in 1931, showed that the Colony's total population then, including the New Territories, was 449,751, of which 821,429 were Chinese and 28,322 Non-Chinese.

Mr Puckle stated that the erection of pen-shelters on the island was almost completed, and the A.R.P. Department was now looking for strong built buildings where the verandah pavement can be used as shelters in the event of the verandah pillars and the building itself.

It was proposed to erect a wall of

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Macao Man Sentenced

MACAO, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—Fernando Rodrigues, a prominent local merchant known throughout the Far East, was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment by Judge Mascarenhas when found guilty of the attempted murder of Mr Gustavo Nolascio last June.

Rodrigues' social standing caused tremendous interest to be displayed in the case.

NO ITALIAN ACTIVITY

ATHENS, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Government announced: "There was no Italian activity yesterday on the Albanian front. The Italians are rushing fortification of their positions and improving their lines of communication."

Italy Loses Two More Destroyers

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The sinking of two more Italian destroyers is reported in an Admiralty communiqué.

It says that the C-in-C, East Indies, reports that an Italian destroyer was sunk by naval aircraft and another left in a sinking condition. Both these destroyers recently left Massawa.

These enemy losses, adds the communiqué, are additional to the Italian destroyer of the Pantera class, the destruction of which was announced on Wednesday.

Students Clash With Police

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Apr. 3 (UP).—Several hundred students shouting "Down with the Democratic Viva the Axis and Japan!" clashed with soldiers and police surrounding the United States Embassy to-day. They were dispersed but re-formed again and tried to reach the Yugo-Slavian Legation shouting "We want Dalmatia." However, the soldiers and police turned them back.

Later, thousands gathered in Venice Square and cheered Mussolini who appeared on the balcony and gave the Fascist salute.

STAFF TALKS AT ANKARA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Apr. 3 (UP).—Radio Belgrade broadcast a report from Ankara saying that General Wavell and Admiral Cunningham had arrived there for staff talks.

America Requests Recall of Italian Naval Attache

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The United States Government to-day demanded that the Italian Government withdraw their Naval Attache from Washington as a result of his alleged complicity in the sabotage of Italian ships in United States harbours.

The note sent by Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to Prince Colorina, Italian Ambassador, requested the withdrawal of Admiral Alberto Lais as persona non grata.

Mr Hull announced that the President had come to this conclusion and in reply to a question, indicated that the case of German diplomats may be under consideration. Mr Hull's note said, "various facts and circumstances come to the attention of the United States Government concerning Admiral Lais and the

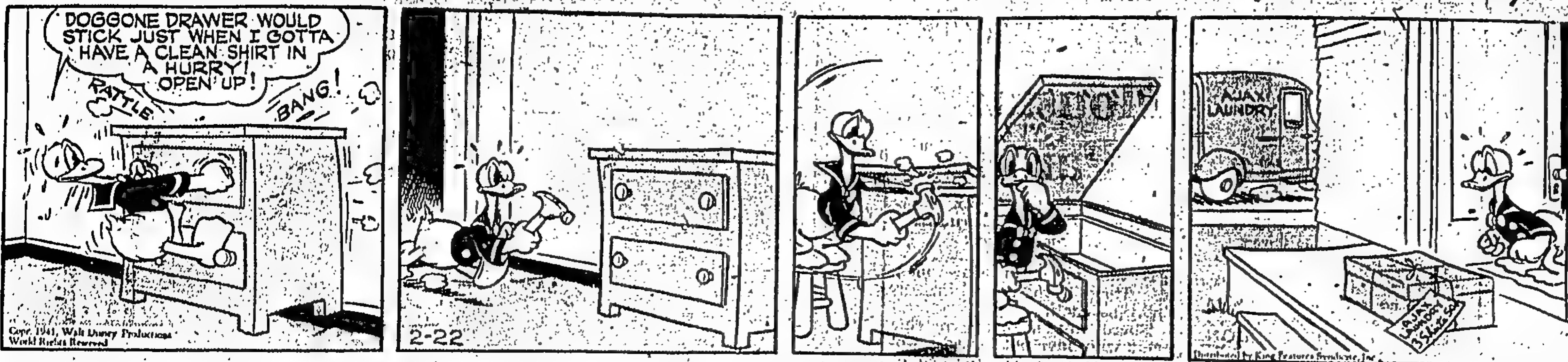
commissioner of certain persons' acts violating the laws of the United States.

Consulates Question

It is noteworthy that no reply has been received to the United States note of March 5 requesting the Italian Government to "close" the Italian Consulates at Newark and Detroit. "Reuter" says that Mr Cordell Hull's note demands the immediate recall of Admiral Lais and "non persona" grata to this Government as naval attache. His continued presence here would no longer be agreeable to this Government.

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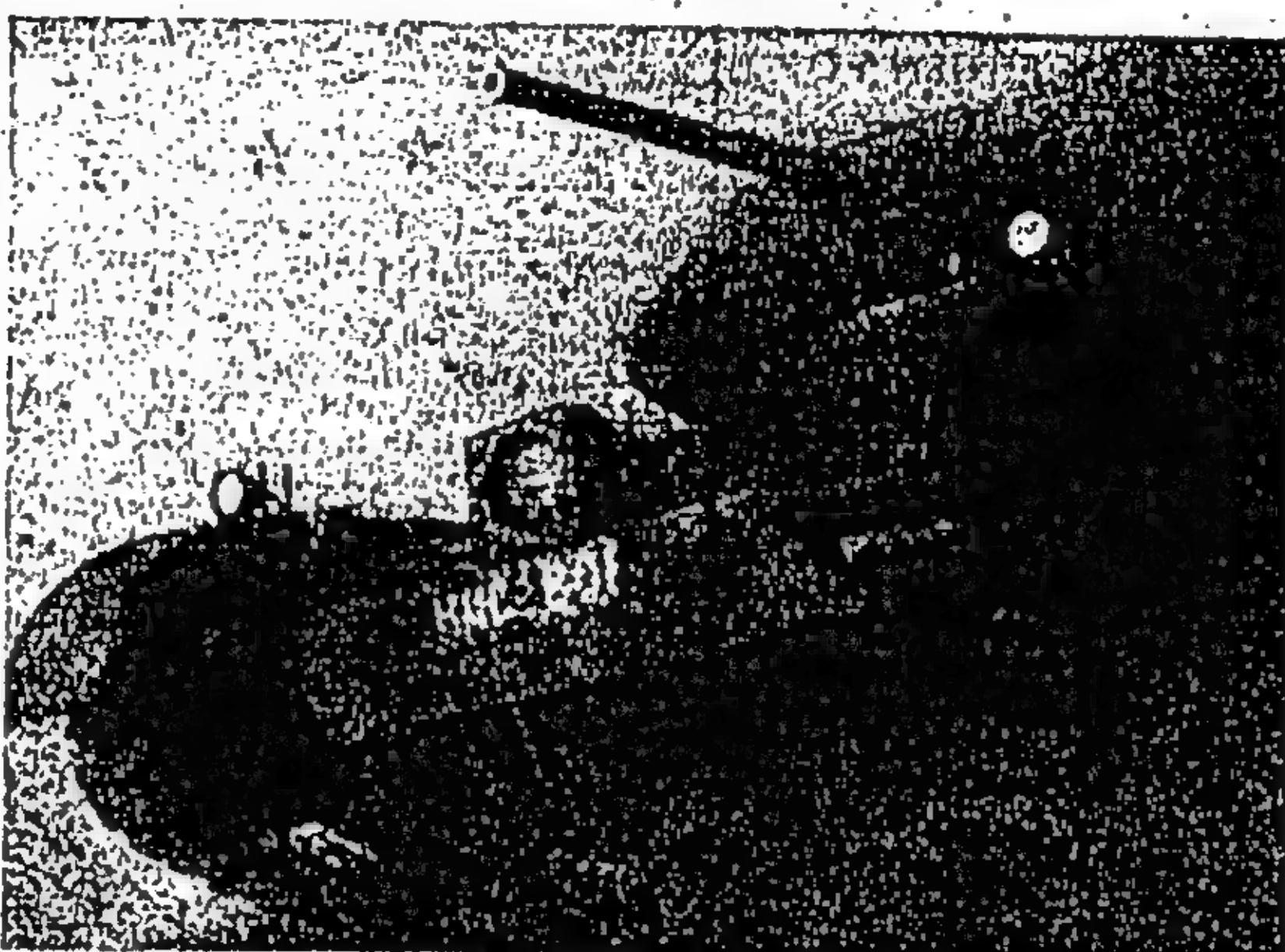


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OUR GREAT NEW ARMY SIXTH ARTICLE

By H. V. Morton

I WANT to introduce you to a man in the Army whose part in mechanised ground warfare is equivalent to that of a Spitfire pilot in the air. He is the tank gunner. His job is one of the most important in the mechanised Army. There are thousands of these young men in the Royal Armoured Corps, and thousands more are in training. Their skill in a most difficult branch of gunnery is paramount, if tanks are to be successful in action.



A tank emerges from a smoke screen with its gun seeking range.

Remember the Tank Gunner

Yet, owing to an unbelievable attitude, not of the Army, but of the Treasury, the tank gunner is the worst paid member of a tank's crew.

Both driver and signaller can qualify as Army tradesmen and receive an extra 1s. 3d. a day, but the tank gunner is not allowed to do so.

Red Tape

The reason is, says the Treasury, that "there is no equivalent to a tank gunner in civil life."

If you can discover a more idiotic and more wicked strip of red tape, I shall be surprised. High Army officers and gunnery experts, with whom I have discussed this question, agree that, if the War Office is unable to make the Treasury change its mind about this, Parliament ought to take up the matter without delay.

The qualified tank gunner must be given tradesman's pay like the other members of the crew.

Not only should he be given extra pay, but he should also be allowed to wear a distinctive badge, so that everyone in the Army and in civil life can see that he has passed tests which demand more in personal skill, courage, and physical stamina than any other branch of gunnery.

Real Grievance

"This is a real grievance," said the Commandant in a tank gunnery school. "And until it is put right the Royal Armoured Corps will not get the best out of its gunners."

"At the present moment, when recruits come up it is always the drivers and the wireless operators who are chosen first. The men who are left become gunners. It should be the other way round."

"While it is impossible to say who is the most important member of a tank's crew, for each one is essential, it is definitely wrong to put one of them in the position of inferiority which the gunner occupies at present."

"The time has now passed when the tank inspired terror on the field of battle. Modern armies are no longer likely to run away from tanks because too much thought has been given to the weak points of this vehicle."

"And it is only by accurate gunnery that the tank can become a thing to be feared."

"Remember this: that one of the big modern tanks costs as much as two-and-a-half or three Spitfires."

Steel Prison

In order to see a tank gunner in action, I asked to be allowed to travel in a tank when its guns were fired. The tank chosen for me was one of the big new cruiser tanks: a muddy monster that stood in a South Coast morass.

They told me that you could sit inside in perfect safety while a machine-gun was sprayed on you. I climbed the armour plates and let myself down feet foremost through a steel manhole. I found myself in an armoured strait-jacket. Although I knew there was not much room in a tank, I was surprised to discover how closely a modern tank is built round the crew. There was literally not an inch of spare room. We were imprisoned in steel.

On the level of my feet, as I stood in the commander's turret, was the gunner's head. He sat gazing through the telescope sights, his left hand on the hydraulic turret control his right hand on the gun triggers.

Next to me, on a lower level, stood a man who popped a shell into a gleaming gun-breach, which instantly closed; and the gun was ready to be fired. He slipped a loaded belt into a machine-gun.

"Advance!"

When gun turret and tank were facing in the same direction, I caught a glimpse of our friend, the driver, but at other times, when we swung round, he disappeared.

The loader shut the turret lid and we were in semi-darkness. He took up a hand telephone. The gunner and driver slipped on ear-phones—imagine three men almost side by side having to telephone to each other—and then the man with the telephone shouted: "Advance!"

Our steel prison was filled with a deepening roar, and the tank began to move with a smooth, snaky motion, something between a small boat at sea and a jet-ground switchback.

Looking through the commander's plate-glass slit, I saw that we were advancing into a frozen pond.

The black ice splintered at the edges and air bubbles ran under the tank, which cracked with a noise I could not hear as we sank into the pond and ploughed our way on the other side.

"Fire!"

We were now roaring along at perhaps fifteen or twenty miles an hour. The target was on a distant hillside. The gunner held it in his telescope sights, and, no matter how the tank dipped and rose, or swayed from side to side, his whole mind was bent on the task of keeping the turret and gun aimed at the target in the hair-line of his sights.

"Fire!" shouted the man with the telephone.

The gunner pressed the trigger, there was an ear-splitting crack, the shell case shot into a canvas bag, the tank filled with a faint smell of cordite that was instantly blown out by fans, and for off on the hillside the brown earth spat up in front of the target.

We were now running past the target. The gun turret kept swinging round to the rear, and three times came the crack, and three shells plastered the target dead on. The tank suddenly swerved, dipped its nose into a pit and, turning its own length, began to run back at full speed. I should think we were travelling at thirty miles an hour.

The guns nosed up, moving independently of the body of the tank, and as we again came in view of the target the gunner opened up with his machine-gun and a steady stream of bullets splattered up all round it.

We performed other evolutions. We roared full-speed into a dip of ground and lay hidden, like some prehistoric monster waiting for its prey.

Then our guns crept up on the target, and we just had time to see a direct hit before we roared off and away.

While all this was going on what impressed me was the superb teamwork necessary between the members of the crew if a tank is to preserve itself in action.

One slack or inefficient member and that tank is in fearful peril with all the lives inside it.

The tank is a partially blind, almost totally deaf, monster, impregnable against some forms of attack, easily vulnerable to others.

Reprieve

And as I saw these men at action stations I compared them, for courage and inter-dependence one upon the other with the crew of a bomber or a submarine.

As we drew to a standstill, three laughing young men in the jaunty black berets of the Royal Tank Regiment climbed out and leaped to the ground.

"Totten shooting Jack," said the loader.

"Not so bad," said Jack. "I think we should have made it." The driver strolled round and lit a cigarette.

"Did you hit, anything?" he asked innocently.

"No, but you did," they replied. "I suppose you had to take us through that pond twice just to show what a blinkin' awful driver you are."

How Long?

And as they stood chipping one another, I thought to myself: "Here we have the modern version of the Three Musketeers."

But what a monstrous injustice it is that the man behind the guns of that tank, the man whose eyes and judgment can condemn the crew to death or bring them brilliantly through to safety, should be penalised by a strip of Whitehall tape.

How long must we wait in the middle of a war for this injustice to be righted?

TO-MORROW: The Life of a Beach Battalion.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Military mantle of Roman
- 2-Cause to be frightened
- 3-A great distance away
- 4-River associated with Shakespeare
- 5-Inner court of Spanish dwelling
- 6-Packages of bulky goods
- 7-Disrespectfully forward
- 8-Quarter-round
- 9-Tune
- 10-Castle
- 11-Butter from dread disease
- 12-To subvert
- 13-Person with very strong will
- 14-Kind of lyric poem (pl.)
- 15-Used continually
- 16-Changed qualities of
- 17-Triangular shape
- 18-Reverential fear
- 19-Cultivated
- 20-Wooden propelling device
- 21-Something owed
- 22-Wedge-shaped
- 23-My (adj.)
- 24-1198 square yards
- 25-Spanish-American
- 26-Turning light
- 27-Settling rock
- 28-Cold coin of Persia
- 29-Potterian food plant

DOWN

- 1-Narrow strip of fabric
- 2-Outwardly manifest
- 3-Spinning of bean family
- 4-Radio aerial
- 5-Moral tale
- 6-One who bathes
- 7-Up above
- 8-Irritate (col.)
- 9-Field at anchor
- 10-Fair-weather
- 11-Unit of electrical energy
- 12-Bring into line
- 13-Tanks
- 14-Base
- 15-Base cushion
- 16-Water portion of blood
- 17-Parade
- 18-Adapt (col.)
- 19-Female sheep
- 20-Tire's bit
- 21-Contemptible
- 22-Dance of cards
- 23-Loose twitch
- 24-Provide with weapons
- 25-Costliness
- 26-Pern conception of
- 27-Fragrant hole with threads
- 28-Having holiday spirit
- 29-Find out
- 30-Turnment by climbing
- 31-New-cards
- 32-Flexible stem of African palm
- 33-Flavor
- 34-Tune of lyric poetry
- 35-Musical vibrations
- 36-On top of
- 37-Fabricated

MINESWEEPER V. DORNIERS

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Router).—A spirited and successful action was fought on Wednesday between the British paddle minesweeper *Lorna Doone* (Temporary Lieutenant T. W. Sherrin, R.N.V.R.) and three Dornier bombers.

destroyed, a second was seen to be badly hit and the third escaped. The only casualties in the *Lorna Doone* were two wounded. The ship sustained only superficial damage, states the Admiralty communique.

Locust's Success

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Router).—The British gunboat *Locust* shot down one enemy aircraft and badly damaged another. Her gunners also secured a hit on a third enemy aircraft, all during an attack on a British convoy in the Thames estuary on Thursday morning.

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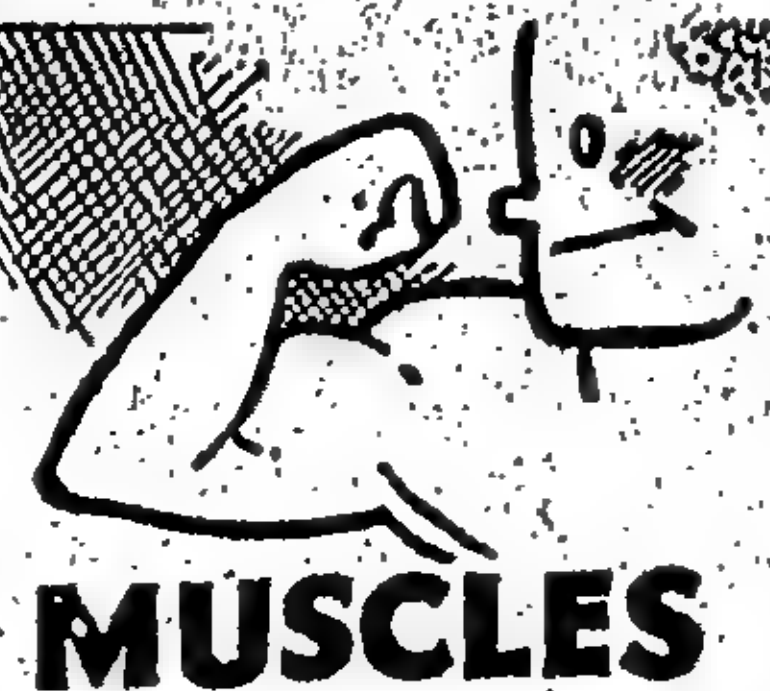
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HITLER AND BALKANS

THE stage is being set for the first military opposition to Hitler in his quest for the "peaceful" subjugation of the whole of southeast Europe. First move was Yugo-Slavia's repudiation of the tri-Power pact signed by her former Premier and Foreign Minister; then followed reported (and not officially denied) massing of British armed forces on Yugo-Slavia's southern frontier, and simultaneously Yugo-Slavia rushed troops to her Rumanian, Hungarian and Bulgarian borders, while the Nazis proceeded to concentrate armies on the other side of the frontiers. Since then events have been moving inexorably towards a final showdown.

Mussolini, thoroughly alarmed at the prospect of a belligerent Yugo-Slavia, aided by British men and materials, on the opposite side of the Adriatic Sea, has apparently appointed himself mediator between Belgrade and Berlin; Hitler, adopting his now transparent tactics, is filling his newspapers with stories of alleged Yugo-Slav atrocities upon the Germans. Equally significant, though perhaps less obvious in design, is the visit of Mr Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill to Belgrade, and not to be ignored in these political-cum-military manoeuvres was the recent overture by Turkey to Yugo-Slavia indicating willingness to implement an alliance suggested some time ago, but which was then cold-shouldered.

The implication behind all this is that Hitler's days of over-running the smaller nations by brutal intimidation are ended. He has been brought to a jolting and unexpected full stop in his quest for easy conquest of south-eastern Europe. If he wishes to progress any further, he must fight, and it is conceivable, in view of his pronounced plans regarding the battle of the Atlantic, that a war front in the Balkans is the very last thing he desires. The reasons are crystal clear; it would entail the diversion of a not inconsiderable part of his Luftwaffe from their main field of operations—western Europe; it would

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Moustache Parade

Further extract from the
diary of a journalist
turned soldier.

IN this place, men are men. They have upper lips as spiky as cacti.

There are soldiers in this camp who have not kissed a woman since childhood, for fear of stabbing her through the cheeks with the waxed ends of their stiletto-like moustachios.

There is a tale of a sergeant-major whose moustache, through thirty-five years of twisting and waxing, grew into a kind of honey substance with which, if enraged, he could rip people open.

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The man who told me about it is an old regular soldier. "He used to sleep with his old moustache in a little bag like a 'ammock,'" he said. He himself had been trying to raise a similar proof of virility for years, but the thin, sandy soil of his lip yielded nothing but dust.

We had not been in our new camp twenty-four hours before the foreign recruit whom we call Siberia was, as they say, "Stopped for his moustache."

He affected a row of bristles in the shape of an eyebrow, which the Lad from the Elephant and Castle described as "Nine hairs and a nit."

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The Regimental Sergeant Major—a fatherly kind of man about whom the most insatiable grouser can find nothing to say—didn't know what to call it. He simply said: "Shave this morning!"

Siberia replied: "Yes, sir." Then the R.S.M., shaking his head sadly, said:

"Do something about that moustache, son. Cut it off, or else grow it. Don't leave it hanging about as if it doesn't know whether it's coming or going."

Siberia said "Yes, sir," and a dark glint came into his little bright eyes. Later, he said:

"Cut it off or grow it, eh? Good. I shall grow it till I make Old Bill look like a chorus boy."

So he went out and bought a tube of moustache-pomade, and paced the hut feeling his lip.

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Next morning, the Kid from Widnes made a vast commotion over his shaving. He lathered his pink face until he was hung with a kind of Father Christmas beard of white suds. But he left his upper lip unaltered.

He wet his safety-razor, grasped himself by the left ear, scraped off soap, and said "Aha!"

We looked at him. "Mmmmm-mmmmm," he said. "There's nothing like a shave to liven a man up."

He contorted his face very hideously, and got rid of more suds. "One day I'll try some of that thur brushless cream. . . . Maybe I'll get one o' them thur cut-throats. . . . You get a cleaner shave with one o' them thur cut-throats. . . . And a bottle o' that thur lotion to take away the burn. . . . Well, how does it look, Silence?"

"Smooth as an egg."

The Kid's face was, in fact, as smooth as an egg—a fried egg.

"How's me tash coming on?" he asked.

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"What tash?" asked Old Silence, rather astonished.

At this point, Old Meanie, rushing in, said: "Widnes, lend us your razor."

"Wipe it when you've finished," said the Kid from Widnes. He bustled into the hut, borrowed a mirror from a Corporal, and examined his face; grabbed Siberia's tube of moustache-pomade, and plastered his upper lip with it.

"A tash should be trained," he said.

"I'm going to grow a proper tash, a colonel's tash, all brushed up, like."

The Corporal said, "Mind you don't grow that tash too long, or it'll get in your gas-mask and suffocate you."

The Kid from Widnes looked grave.

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Then Old Meanie came back, and said, "Funny, ha?"

"What d'you mean, funny?" asked the Kid.

"That razor."

"You fussy git," said the Kid from Widnes. "It's good enough for me. It's good enough for you."

"Yeah? Well, it's got no blade in it!"

"Oh," said the Kid from Widnes.

enable Britain to set up valuable air bases for attacks on vital industrial Nazi cities in the east; it would spell the final overthrow of Mussolini in Albania; it would offer splendid opportunities for wholesale sabotage by antagonistic Rumanians and Bulgarians; and even if his armies succeeded in making some progress in Yugo-Slavia, it would cost them heavily in men and materials, neither of which would Hitler find easy to replace.

War in the Balkans does not present a very healthy prospect for Germany.



PARIS UNDER THE GERMANS

By Polly Peabody

The Parisians of to-day are prisoners of war under the vigilant watch of an army of gaolers. They can hardly call anything their own, and their enemy is the arbiter of their every action. At first the French were stunned by the blow of sudden defeat. They blamed their leaders, who had, they felt, betrayed them, and cursed their own blindness and the mistakes of these last years.

Now the reaction has set in. They have learned their lesson under the pressure of the German boot. As a result, they are determined to resist their invader with the only weapons left at their command—their wit and their intelligence. The Germans have conquered the country, but they have not conquered the people, for they have utterly failed to understand the French mentality.

To-day Paris is a sad and depressing sight. It is more reminiscent of a garrison town than one of the world's most delightful cities. Bullet-grey cars roar up and down the Champs Elysees; troops crowd the pavements; sentries, saluting and heel clicking, stand at attention at the doors of hotels and apartment houses which have been requisitioned by the army of occupation. The Swastika flies over every famous building in the city as a bitter and constant reminder of the German triumph.

War On The Walls

Yet in Paris is a war being waged—not a spectacular war, but efficient in its purpose. It is the war of scribbles on the walls, of hisses and catcalls in the darkness of the theatre and cinema, of knowing smiles, of subtle double meanings in conversation—these undermine all Hitler's propaganda efforts. The thousands of posters which paper the walls of the city serve as an outlet for a growing anger. The Parisians never miss an occasion to scratch sarcastic comments above the very words that are supposed to win over their heads to allegiance. "Vive De Gaulle!"

and "Vive Churchill, a mort Hitler!" as well as "Vichy a vendu la France aux Allemands . . ." are scratched on walls and window-panes; and under cover of darkness anti-British posters are torn down.

But the iron grip is tightening, and severe punishments are inflicted for any infringement of the rules or for any apparently unfriendly attitude. Many offenders are shot. When the culprit cannot be found some innocent person is shot in his place and the local community heavily fined in sums ranging up to a million francs. Paris cinemas are closed for weeks when Axis personalities are hissed on the screen.

The writer of this article is a young American who has just reached London after many adventures in war-time Europe. She spent the last three months before her departure for England working in the American Red Cross Hospital in Paris.

For the Germans, this Paris that for so many years has been hailed as the "Mecca of Jole de Vivre," and which was to be the shining trophy of their drive to the West, is a disappointment. Since the day when 187 aeroplanes were shot down over England, dancing has been stopped. Notices of this were posted in restaurants and night clubs. To add to the gloom, Nazis were forbidden to associate with French women. The gaiety has gone out of Paris, and the bitter cold and shortage of food add to the depression. A few night clubs are kept open specially for the Germans; and there they sit drinking bad champagne and watching the shadow of an expected lightning war grow darker and longer.

Sightseeing is one of the major pastimes for the army of occupation. They tour the town herded together in large trucks. Napoleon's tomb is the highlight of these expeditions. Another big moment is the morning parades over the whole length of the goose-stepping Nazis and the sound of heavy German music, the Parisians turn their heads to avoid looking at a picture which breaks their hearts.

But most enjoyed by all Hitler's followers are the Paris shops. These men, denied all luxuries for so long, who had not seen a well-furnished store for years, became infatuated with a buying craze which bordered on hysteria. Stocks of perfumes, silk stockings, silk underwear, furs, etc., have been almost entirely exhausted. Many shops, which are not allowed to close, remain open with empty counters and barren shelves.

The ingenious Parisians have found ways of escape from many unfamiliar difficulties which are now inflicted upon them. One of them is the problem of transportation. Taxis and buses no longer exist. Cycling or walking is the only substitute. As bicycles are few, it is not unusual to see a man pedalling hard with his wife in a little trailer behind.

With most of the shops empty and the German occupation mark still greatly mistrusted by the French, a system of barter has sprung up in Paris. A few eggs are exchanged for knitting wool, a few lumps of coal for a little oil, a piece of soap for almost anything. The acute shortage of food taxes the skill of the French cook, who, without the necessary ingredients, still feels he must save his reputation.

Shortage Of Food

Food cards are issued and rations are growing smaller. There are long waiting lines in the streets outside the markets. Housewives often stand in the cold for hours, only to return home empty-handed.

The iron discipline of the German army has made itself felt. Speed and efficiency have become the mode in Paris. French policemen were given long white gloves to direct the traffic in German style. In restaurants, erstwhile slow waiters fairly sprinted from table to kitchen. German rules must be obeyed. Any lingering after curfew hour lands the offender in polishing Nazi boots or peeling potatoes until five o'clock in the morning. A woman who crosses an avenue outside the pedestrian zone was, as a lesson, escorted back and forth ten times by a Nazi official. A ray of light from a window in a black-out may bring a revolver bullet through one of the panes.

Yet the soul of Paris and of France still lives. The people now look to the future with the great hope that Britain and the British Empire, their Allies and their friends, will triumph, and that they themselves may still be able to play a part in the overthrow of the hated Boche.

MATSUOKA TO CONFER WITH HIS ENVOYS

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, is scheduled to arrive here on Friday and will stay in Berlin until Sunday. The most important feature of his stay will be the conference he has called which will be attended by Japanese Ambassadors, Ministers and *Chargé d'Affaires* in Europe, with the exception of the Ambassadors to Rome, London and Moscow.

Virtually all of these diplomats are now in Berlin, including the Ambassadors to Vichy and Ankara.

Leaves Rome

ROME, Apr. 3 (UP).—Mr. Matsuoka, en route for Germany, left the St. Paul station on the outskirts of the city at 10 a.m. and was bidden farewell by Count Ciano as well as Government and diplomatic officials.

Plans Abandoned

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Japanese spokesman indicated that Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Ambassador, has abandoned his plans to meet Mr. Matsuoka at Vichy because the latter's time-table makes it impossible.

Statement Resented

CANBERRA, Apr. 3 (UP).—Sir Frederick Stewart, Minister for External Affairs, in the House today, replying to Mr. Matsuoka, declared: "If the statement that Japan will support the Axis under all circumstances is the official view of the Japanese Government, then a disservice has been done to any hopes for an understanding in the Pacific. Australia is resolved and is capable of defending herself."

U.S. DEFENCE BILL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Senate today sent the \$4,303,000,000 fifth supplemental defence appropriation bill to the White House. It includes funds to produce 3,000 bombers, expand production facilities and equip an army of 4,000,000 men.

Japanese Release Lighters Shanghai Incident

SHANGHAI, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—Just 24 hours after detention, the Japanese naval authorities yesterday released seven lighters belonging to three foreign concerns, several native lighters and approximately 500 tons of general merchandise consigned by Chinese and foreign shippers to Hongkong, Rangoon and Calcutta by the British steamer, *Helen Moller*, according to the "North China Daily News."

It is understood that three of the seven foreign lighters belonged to British firms.

The release, it is reported, followed discussions between the Foreign Consuls concerned and competent Japanese authorities.

Quoting a Chinese source, the newspaper says that the Japanese acted on the assumption that the cargo involved was destined for Chungking.

Menzies In Belfast

Essence Of Living

BELFAST, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Declaring that "the tyranny of a man over Italian and German minds is one of the saddest things in history," Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister of Australia, in a speech here, gave an instance Libya which he described as "one of the most miserable and worthless desert countries any man ever laid eyes on."

The Australians, who had cleared it, had millions of acres of desert of their own without wanting more. What was at stake, he added, was the real essence of living without which they would not care to live at all.

"The essential genius of the British Empire could never be translated into terms of black and white," he added.

GLIDING

Chiang Encourages Sport To Improve Air Force

CHUNGKING, Apr. 3 (Central News).—On the eve of the formation of the China National Gliders Association, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek addressed a message to Mr. Chen Li-fu, General Chang Chih-chung and General Chou Chih-jou, Vice Presidents, urging that positive efforts be made to promote gliding movement in order to lay a sound foundation for the future development of China's air force.

General Chiang pointed out that to exist and survive in the present-day world, air defence is of supreme importance to a country. Without air defence, there can be no national defence.

For the purpose of training a competent air force personnel, General Chiang urged that the gliders' movement in future should be not only the principal form of physical training in schools but also be positively promoted socially.

THEFT OF DAIRY Farm Dishes

Tam Che's, 29, carpenter, was fined \$150, in default three months' hard labour, by Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning for larceny of fourteen dozen butter dishes, the property of the Dairy Farm, on February 2.

Andrew was Complainant. Det-Sgt. W. Summers said that Defendant was arrested on information. Of all the dishes sold by Defendant, 138 were recovered.

Complainant stated that at the time of the theft Defendant was employed by the Dairy Farm at \$30 a month. The theft of dishes from the Dairy Farm had been occurring quite frequently lately and including the present case, about 80 dozen had been stolen.

BOMBER FUND RAFFLE

A preliminary draw for the purpose of allocating numbers to the prizes in the Bomber Fund raffle in aid of the Jockey Club, Happy Valley, yesterday evening, Mr. H. R. Forsyth and Mr. S. T. Butlin officiated. The Hongkong War Effort Committee were represented by Mr. S. E. Faber and Mr. A. W. Ingram. Mr. B. Wylie and Mr. E. P. Franklin attended on behalf of the South China Morning Post, Ltd.

The prize number 404, and the prize list will now be printed in numerical order, with a space provided for winning numbers as drawn. Lists will be distributed to members of the public attending the big draw at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday, April 10.

Arrangements are being made for the display of numbers as drawn, and the draw will take place in the main ground, floor lounge, commencing at 3 p.m.

CHINA WAR Japanese Base At Nanchang Menaced

CHUNGKING, Apr. 3 (Central News).—After having mopped up the remnants of Japanese units in the Kiangsu-Penghsin area in northern Kiangsu, Chinese columns are giving hot chase to the Japanese fleeing eastward. The vanguards of Chinese troops are preparing to launch an assault on Nanchang.

The Japanese advance inland from Lukfung in south Kwangtung has been effectively checked. A Japanese unit driving northward from Kuangtung to Salikang on March 31 was beaten back with several losses. Another Japanese detachment attacking Poklo east of Lukfung is now engaged by the Chinese.

In northern Kiangsu, the Japanese at Hwalan on the Grand Canal recently made repeated attacks on Chowchichwang, south-east of the city but failed in their drives. More than 100 casualties were inflicted upon a Japanese detachment attacking Wangchu south of Kaomi in Chinghsiang, southern Kiangsu, following a severe clash with the Chinese, who also captured numerous arms including rifles and machine-guns.

Along Yangtze

SOUTH ANHWEI, Apr. 3 (Central News).—The Japanese counter-attack in the Penghsin area on the south bank of the Yangtze in north-east Kiangsu launched at the end of last month has been repulsed with losses.

Under cover of a heavy artillery bombardment, a large Japanese detachment on the morning of March 30 attacked Chinese positions south of Penghsin, but was thrown back.

A Japanese unit pushing from Malukow south of Penghsin to Sung-chai on March 29 was likewise repulsed.

Ambush

CHANGTEH, April 3. (Central News).—A Japanese detachment moving from Shihli to Sze-fangpu in northern Hunan in a fleet of army trucks was ambushed by Chinese mobile units near Tsai-fongtun on March 29.

After a clash lasting more than 40 hours, nine trucks were destroyed and many were Japanese killed.

Gunny Bags Confiscated

No Export Permit

Wong Pui, 46, writing paper hawker; Law Fai, 29, cargo tallyman; and Choi Yuen, 20, shop fook, were charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour at District Office, South, Court this morning for attempting to export 22 bales of gunny bags without a permit, on board a steam launch in Cheung Chau harbour.

First Defendant was further charged with having unmanifested cargo on board the same launch, without the consent of the owner or master. Sub-inspector Macdonald said that about 10 p.m. yesterday he and two Revenue officers boarded the Kwong Sing in Cheung Chau harbour and found the bales of empty gunny bags, comprising 1,042 pieces, on board.

Serious Offence

First Defendant pleaded guilty to the two charges. Fining him \$1,000 on the first charge, his Worship said the offence was a serious one. A conviction against him on the second charge was registered. Second and third Defendant were discharged with a caution. The gunny bags were ordered to be confiscated.

Dutch To Visit Australia

BATAVIA, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—The Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. E. N. van Kleffens, and the Minister for the Colonies, Dr. I. J. M. Welter, have accepted the invitation of the Australian Government to visit Australia, the Batavia radio announced.

Both arrived at Honolulu yesterday. They are flying to Manila and are expected in the Dutch East Indies on April 10.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	450
T.T. Singapore	320
T.T. Japan	32 1/2
T.T. India	32 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	48 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	105
T.T. France	103
T.T. Switzerland	103
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/4
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/4
4 m/s France	84
20 d/s India	84
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/4

Raiders Over Britain

Two Planes Downed

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Some enemy activity round the British coasts was reported today but few hostile aircraft flew inland.

Little damage was done and there were no casualties when aircraft dropped bombs near a town on the south-east coast.

Shortly afterwards, an enemy was shot into the sea by fighters. An enemy bomber attempting to attack shipping off the south-west coast was also shot down.

One of our fighters is missing, states the Air Ministry.

London had no alert up to a late hour to-night, but enemy aircraft were believed to be over several parts of the country soon after dark, including south-west country areas and a town in South Wales.

Night Attacks

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—At 10 o'clock to-night raiders were reported over several districts including southwest and west England and south Wales.

ILLEGAL MINING

For Wolfram Ore

Pleading guilty to illegal mining in Shing Mun Mines, Wu Luk, 29, Chan Lap, 35, and Cheung Chiu, 31, all unemployed, were each fined \$25 in default of three weeks' hard labour, by Mr. S. F. Balfour at District Office, South, Court this morning. Sgt. A. G. Groves said that about 4 a.m. on Tuesday Defendants were found inside a tunnel at No. 2 Hill Shing Mun Mines, carrying out mining operations. They were arrested by two mine inspectors employed by the Hing Kee Mine Company of Shing Mun. In the tunnel were found certain implements for mining purposes and 21 lbs of unwashed wolfram ore.

Offensive Sentence In Jane's Issue

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Aircraft Production issued the following announcement to-day: "The attention of the Ministry of Aircraft Production has been brought to a picture caption in the new issue of Jane's 'All The World's Aircraft' inimical to the friendly relations existing between Britain and the United States. Neither the publication itself nor the principal Editor, Mr. C. G. Grey, has any official status. The publishers have stated that they are recalling all copies of the publication with a view to removing the offensive sentences."

EIREAN SHIPS ATTACKED

By Nazi Planes

DUBLIN, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Eire had suffered from the Nazi attacks on shipping, Mr. Eamon de Valera revealed in the Dail to-day.

During the last four weeks, he stated, one Irish vessel had been sunk and three others were attacked. In all cases, the aircraft were identified as German and the Eire *Chargé d'Affaires* in Berlin had been instructed to protest and demand compensation.

Asked if he would make immediate and urgent representations to the United States to remove restrictions on United States shipping to Eire, Mr. de Valera replied that such representations were made in the early stage of the war unsuccessfully.

They had made offers to purchase United States vessels and had asked the United States authorities to facilitate them in obtaining the necessary licences.

Supplies For China

Moving From Rangoon

KUNMING, Apr. 3 (Central News).—The medical supplies donated to China by the National Red Cross Society of America are being rapidly removed from Rangoon to the interior. Some 70 tons of these supplies have already been brought to Kunming and are being sent eastward.

More than 1,200 tons of American medical supplies have been accumulated in Rangoon. In order to speed up their transportation into China, the Kunming Office of the National Red Cross Society of China has chartered a fleet of trucks for their removal over the Burma highway.

Overseas Chinese Singapore Parley

SINGAPORE, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Overseas Chinese Conference concluded to-day after a three-day meeting in Singapore. Chinese delegates from the Dutch East Indies, Hongkong, Thailand, Indo-China and the Philippines participated.

By a unanimous vote, Mr. Tan Kah-kee (Chen Chia-kan), a prominent Singapore financier, was elected to continue as Chairman of the Federation of the China Relief Fund Committee.

Cables were despatched to the British and American Governments thanking them for their continued assistance to China during the past few years, and telegrams were also sent to Chinese Government heads pledging further support.

Telegrams were also despatched to the fighting service chiefs.

It was further decided that the Conference send circular telegrams denouncing those communicating with Wang Ching-wei as traitors.

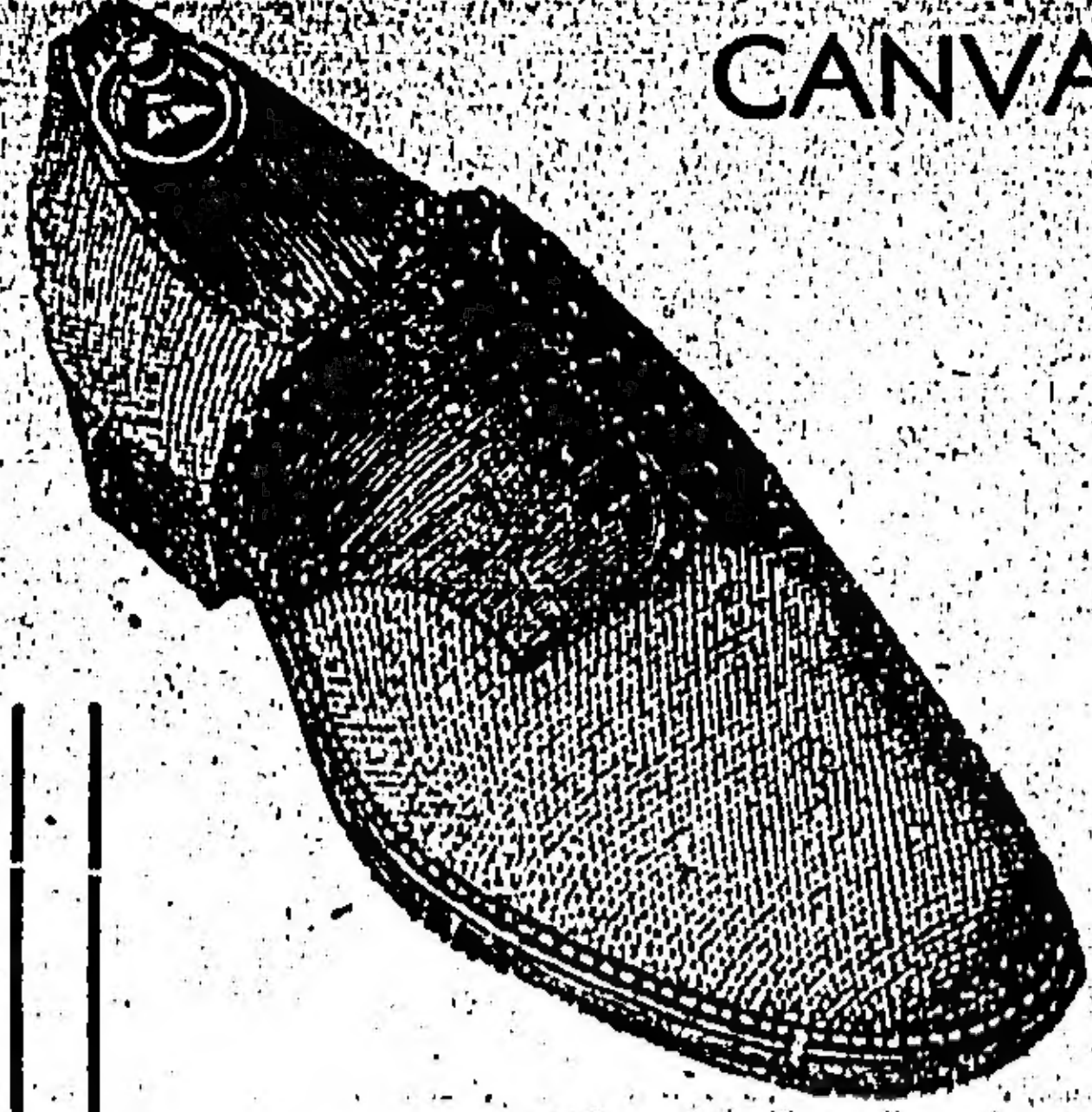
Italian Eludes Blockade

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Italian freighter, *Himalaya*, 6,240 tons, arrived here to-day direct from Somaliland.

Camouflaged but unarmed, she is the second Italian ship to arrive at Rio since the war.

The German freighter, *Babington*, 4,422 tons, cleared the Customs at Santos on Wednesday with a cargo of fuel and is expected to leave soon. Feverish preparation for departure is still reported from a North Brazilian port, where seven Italian cargo ships are laid up.

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—A further gift of £10,000 from the British communities in China, making a total of £122,000, is acknowledged with grateful thanks by the Minister for Aircraft Production.



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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Three New Track Records At Extra Meeting

Peter Wei Registers Four Wins: Eric Moller Most Successful Owner: United Express Fails

RACING AT HAPPY VALLEY last Saturday was excellent and so was the riding of Mr Peter Wei, who piloted four ponies to victory, registering at the same time a "hat trick" on Vanity Fair, Velvetlight and Moonlight. The jockey had to exert pressure on the first two gee-gees, but the trip on Moonlight was an armchair ride.

A feature of the Second Extra Meeting was the failure of Distant View and United Express in the major handicap event, and there were three new track records at the new scale of weights.

The invincible Sapper carrying 159 lb. won the Broken Hill Handicap in easy fashion over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, in one minute 53 seconds, and Mrs A. E. Grasset's pony lowered Happy Returns' figure by nine two-fifths seconds.

Vanity Fair (159 lb.) annexed the Hobart Handicap (first section) for "B" class Australian ponies over six furlongs in one minute 10 seconds, cutting Distant View's time by two two-fifths seconds. Velvetlight (159 lb.) captured the Canton Handicap (first section) confined to "B" class China ponies over six furlongs in one minute 22½ seconds, slicing Oolong's record at the Annual Carnival by one two-fifths seconds.

Luckily the above three fastest runs were performed prior to the tumbling down of heavy clouds, but the rain did not in any way dampen the enthusiasm of the followers of the turf.

Successful Owner

THE most successful owner was Mr Eric Moller of Shanghai who ran away with the first Stewards' Cup presented by the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, the Canton Handicap (first section) and the Hobart Handicap (second section).

The shipping magnate's three candidates gained a "small fortune" to a total of \$2,000 plus the handsome silver trophy, and this will, of course, be added to Mr Moller's already fine collection of silver cups.

Though there was no "three figure" dividend, one could hardly say that spotting the winners at last Saturday's racing was easy, and I think the difficulty was on account of the merging of the new and old runners for the first time in the handicap events.

It may be of interest to note that the first three placed runners in the Canton Handicap (first section) for "B" class China ponies were the youngsters of this year, while in the Hobart Handicap (second section) for Australian "B" class the first two belonged to the class of subscription ponies of the current season.

More Easter Races

PUNTERS will be glad to know that there are 15 races (instead of the usual 10 events) in each day at the Easter season, and it looks to me a complicated programme. Ponies that are entered for sprint events (confined to both classes of Australian ponies of this season) are barred from entering for distance runs and vice versa.

It must be admitted that this will prevent owners from nominating their ponies to run out of distances. And we will certainly have some job to spot the winners at the Easter Meeting.

Great Disappointment

LET us return to last Saturday's racing. To the sad disappointment of the know, Odeon (Needa) failed to justify the confidence, and the stallion was badly beaten in the opening event, Kongmun Plate, by Eve of Grandeur by two lengths.

Had the writer known that Sir Victor's griffin was going to accept, he would have tipped the chestnut to win. I said in my notes that he was cheater Guardian and Times both dangerous.

Sapper Outruns Rest Of Field

THE BROKEN HILL Handicap for "A" class Australian ponies was a grand race, but Sapper was too good, and the chestnut by Fast continued in winning vein to register his third success, earning for Mrs Grasset an aggregate sum of \$5,500 since the beginning of the year.

United Express let the public down very badly and the jockey took too much out of the pony in adopting the runaway strategy.

Looking over the various quarters of the record time established by Sapper, one cannot fail to see that United Express' time from one mile beacon to six furlongs post was 24½ seconds and at that rate it was impossible for the Rooter-Hill Derby winner to be among the first three—the mare finished sixth.

Starlight Carries Off Stewards' Cup Event

COLOOMA HALF A LENGTH BEHIND

THE INAUGURAL CLASSIC, Stewards' Cup, was the first handicap event for Australian pony griffins of this season over a middle distance, and there were ten acceptances out of 16 entries. I am sure the Stewards must have been quite satisfied with the response, and the contest provided a tight finish.

Starlight won by half length with a neck separating Colooma and Mountain View. What a joy it would have been to the Stewards had Colooma crossed the line first, for Sir Vandeleur Grayburn and Mr D. C. Edmondston had joint interest in the race.

The public also took a great interest in the event, and Oracle carried all the money with 2029 chances for a win, followed by Colooma (1434 chances)—and Glouming—(1149).

Perfect Start

HOWEVER, the start was perfect. Nomine Poene (S. W. Lee) tried a runaway tactic, which, of course, went well until the bottom of the hill was reached, but after that the pony was losing ground, and the brown faded out of the picture.

It was rather unusual to see Mr Needa taking his mount to the front, for at the half-mile beacon Oracle was running behind Nomine

Poene, with Starlight, Glouming, Prairie View and the rest following in the rear.

At three furlongs from home, I could see that both Nomine Poene and Oracle were being hard pressed with no response, and Starlight was first coming round the bend chased by Glouming and Colooma.

A Challenge

THERE was a huge cry from the Public Enclosure when Mr Botelho began to push Mountain View at the entrance of the home stretch. Before the distance was reached, Colooma and Mountain View drew level with Glouming, and at this point Mr Eu Tong-sen's candidate was a dead horse.

Down the straight the jockey on Starlight thought that he had the race well in hand, but it did not take him long to realise that Colooma and Mountain View were fighting hard for the premier place.

In the last hundred yards the three riders were hard at work and a large measure of the success must be given to Mr Wei who pushed Starlight just in time over the base line by half length in front of Colooma.

The latter bent Mountain View by a neck and three lengths behind came Glouming.

Championship Badminton Games To-night

The following are the Badminton Championship matches at the Club de Recreio to-night:
8 p.m. P. A. Yvanovich v. T. S. Young (Junior Singles).
8.30 p.m. A. L. Fisher v. J. L. Anderson (Junior Singles).
9 p.m. C. Y. Yung and F. Koh v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chow (Senior Doubles).

LEE THEATRE



COMING SOON!

Six Events For Macao April Meeting

Basketball Charity Games

Macao Teams To Play South China To-morrow

TWO STARRY basketball games, in aid of charity, have been carded for to-morrow afternoon in the open air gymnasium at the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road, when a visiting girls' and men's cage quintette from Macao will clash in exhibition encounters with the two champion South China A.A. teams.

Tournament Tennis

TSUI WAI-PUI BEATS K. H. YIP IN STRAIGHT SETS

THOUGH great things were expected of K. H. Yip in yesterday's Open Singles tennis match against Tsui Wai-pui, the latter was the man on the court and dictated play.

Yip, Champion of South China A.A., was the most promising of players this year, and though reliable with his ground shots, his overhead work and his service are still in need of improvement.

Tsui led in both sets 5-2, and in both permitted Yip to draw up to 4-5 before going out 6-4 in each case. He seems to have regained command of his shots, and is a different player from he who was beaten by S. A. Rumjahn in the final last year.

Volleying duels were brisk and in these Yip showed a steadiness on the backhand that was one of his greatest assets. Both players drove deep and accurately, and their baseline rallies were spectacular to watch.

The Match

Tsui took the first game, and though Yip won the second and third, Tsui won four games in a row to lead 5-2. At this stage he led 40-15 and though with two set points, lost the game in the face of excellent opposition from Yip.

He took the 10th game and the set. The second set was similar to the first in the trend of scoring. But in this 10th game, Yip led 40-30 when he served his first double fault of the match.

The proceeds from the sale of tickets to the stands are for the Bomber Fund.

Colony singles—Tsui Wai-pui beat K. H. Yip 6-4, 6-2.
Club handicap doubles—F. W. Carter and E. N. Thumby beat R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay 6-2, 6-0. H. G. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth beat D. S. B. Robb and C. W. E. Binos 6-2, 6-3.
Club mixed doubles—V. R. Gordon and Mrs D. J. Sinclair beat Mr and Mrs D. L. Probert 6-3, 6-0.

In the opening game at 3.30 p.m., the all-star girls team from Macao will take on South China A.A.'s classy cagerettes.

The Caroline Hill girls have just been crowned Colony Open League champions and holders of the C. T. Wang Cup, and are eager to defeat the girl starlets from Macao in their first game since copping the title.

Men's Match

At 4.30 p.m. South China's brilliant men's quintette clash with the Macao stars in the featured game.

The visiting stars will include in their lineup, the cream of basketball players in the Portuguese Colony, and are considered to be a very strong aggregation, playing a fast, wide open style of game.

The champion South China A.A. hoopers have been in there practicing hard for this important tilt and are slated to bring up three youthful players from their second team to augment the starry veterans.

Admission to this two-game programme will be 20 and 30 cents.

D.B.S. Defeat H.M.S. Tamar By 94 Runs

Diocesan Boys' School beat H.M.S. Tamar by 94 runs in a friendly game of cricket yesterday. A. J. Hulze was the outstanding player of the match, scoring 58 and taking 6 for 24. A. Ebrahim took 4 for 22.

G. A. Goodban, Headmaster, assisted in the scoring of 148 with hard knock of 32.

Scores were:
D.B.S.—148 (A. J. Hulze 58, G. A. Goodban 32, J. Macauley 18, Douglas 2 for 18).

H.M.S. Tamar—54 (Hogan 14, Whiteside 12, Hulze 6 for 24, Ebrahim 4 for 22).

Today's Matches

To-day's matches are:
SINGLES
Tsui Yan-pui v. Paul Kong (Stand court).
M. Pagh v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Special Dollar Sweep On Lung Chen Handicap

A NICE PROGRAMME of six interesting events has been framed by the Macao Jockey Club for their April Meeting to be held at Arcia Preta on Sunday.

A special dollar cash sweep of 50,000 tickets is being conducted on the Lung Chen Handicap confined to "Y" class China ponies, and the run is over the mile.

The curtain raiser will be the Chinshan Handicap (first section) for "E" class China ponies over six furlongs. On paper Piet Hein with Mr "Pinky" Botelho in the saddle should win, but be careful with Dow-Jones who is a great fighter. National Success, if sound, is dangerous.

The second section of the Chinshan Handicap should provide a good finish. Though Radium Star has been whispered as the best, I am afraid of Sports Venture with a pull of 7 lb. and Gallant Marshal is also nicely weighted.

Plain View must not be overlooked, for the blackie ran a good race in Farling on February 2, and paid \$73.20 for a win.

In the third section of the Chinshan Handicap, Mac's Adventure looks a good thing, with National Anthem and Cuban Love to follow in the rear.

The Best Event

THE best event of the meeting will be seen in the Lingnan Handicap for "D" class China ponies over five furlongs, and my best three are Lovely Star, Blue Field and Night Express.

I hear that the last named may not make the trip, and if the report is true, Sylvandale should fill the third position in the frame.

Meadow Eve Favoured
FAIRY OUSEL is at the head of the ladder with weight in the Lung Chen Handicap for "Y" class China ponies, and this is surely a stiff proposition for Mr Jack Bragg's candidate.

Mr Gellion's Fairy Auk has not been running too well lately, but with a pull of lead the grey should be able to put up a good fight on Sunday.

My choice is Mr Lung's Meadow Eve with Victory Life to follow.

Novices Race

THE Shikhi Plate for "A" class China ponies will be ridden by novices, and it is not a handicap event. The Mermald, Eagle and The Spirit of St Louis should cross the wire in the order I have named.

Final Selections

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Dow-Jones
Piet Hein
Heddon

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Sports Venture
Radium Star
Plain View

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (THIRD SECTION)

Mac's Adventure
National Anthem
Cuban Love

LINGNAN HANDICAP

Lovely Star
Blue Field
Night Express

LUNG CHEN HANDICAP

Meadow Eve
Victory Life
Fairy Auk

SHEKHI PLATE

The Mermald
Eagle
The Spirit of St Louis

Police XI To Meet

Club de Recreio

HOCKEY in aid of the Bomber Fund will be played at the Police ground, Boundary Street, on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. when the Police meet the Club de Recreio in a Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament match.

Neither team has yet been beaten, and the outcome of the game will have a great bearing on the ultimate championship.

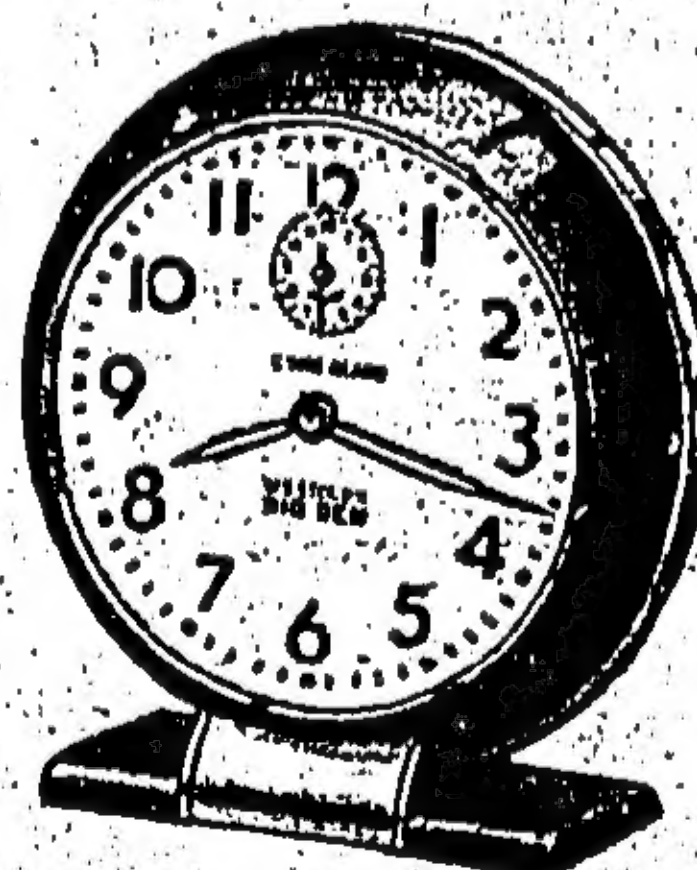
The Police team has been selected and will be as follows:
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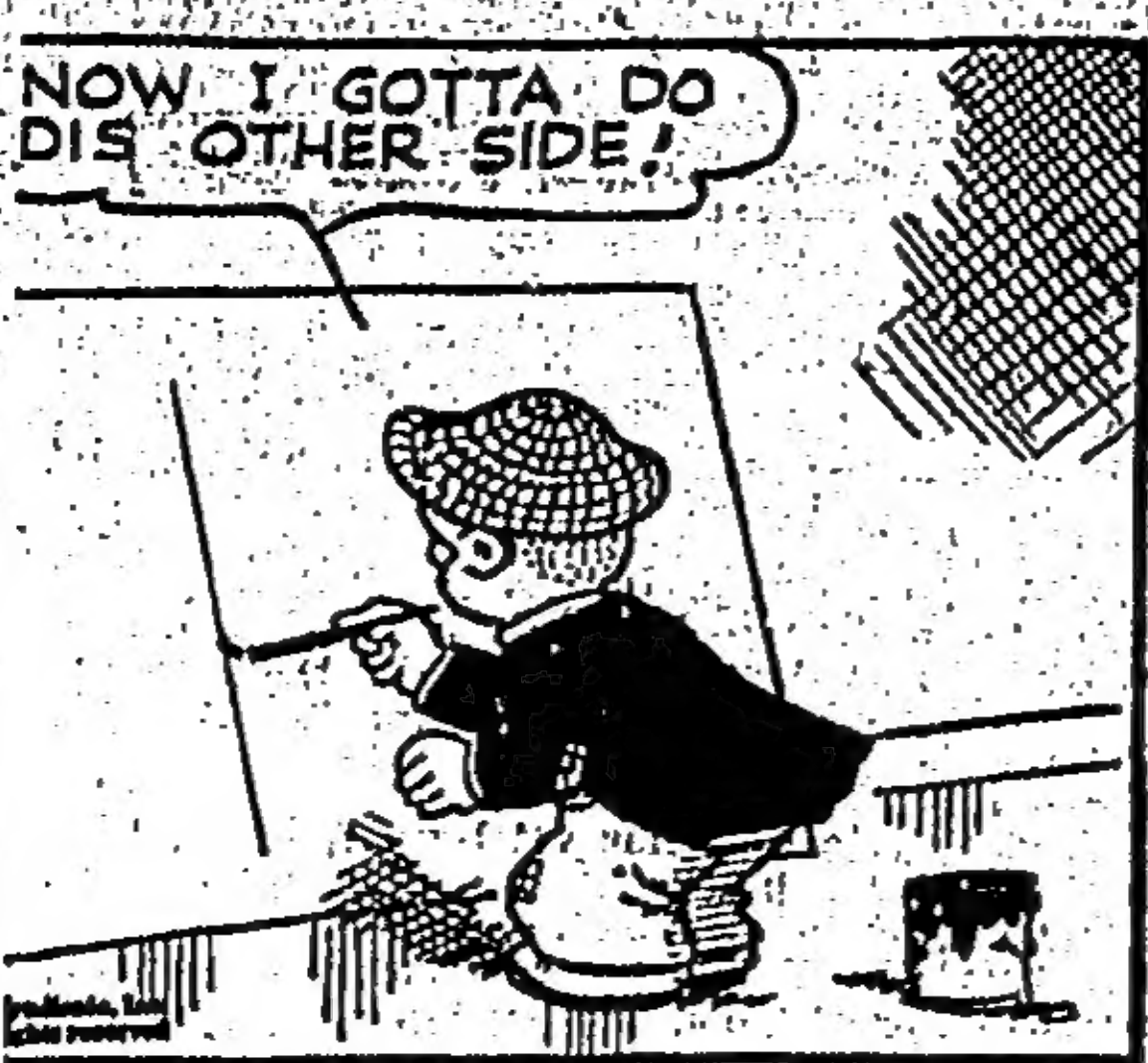
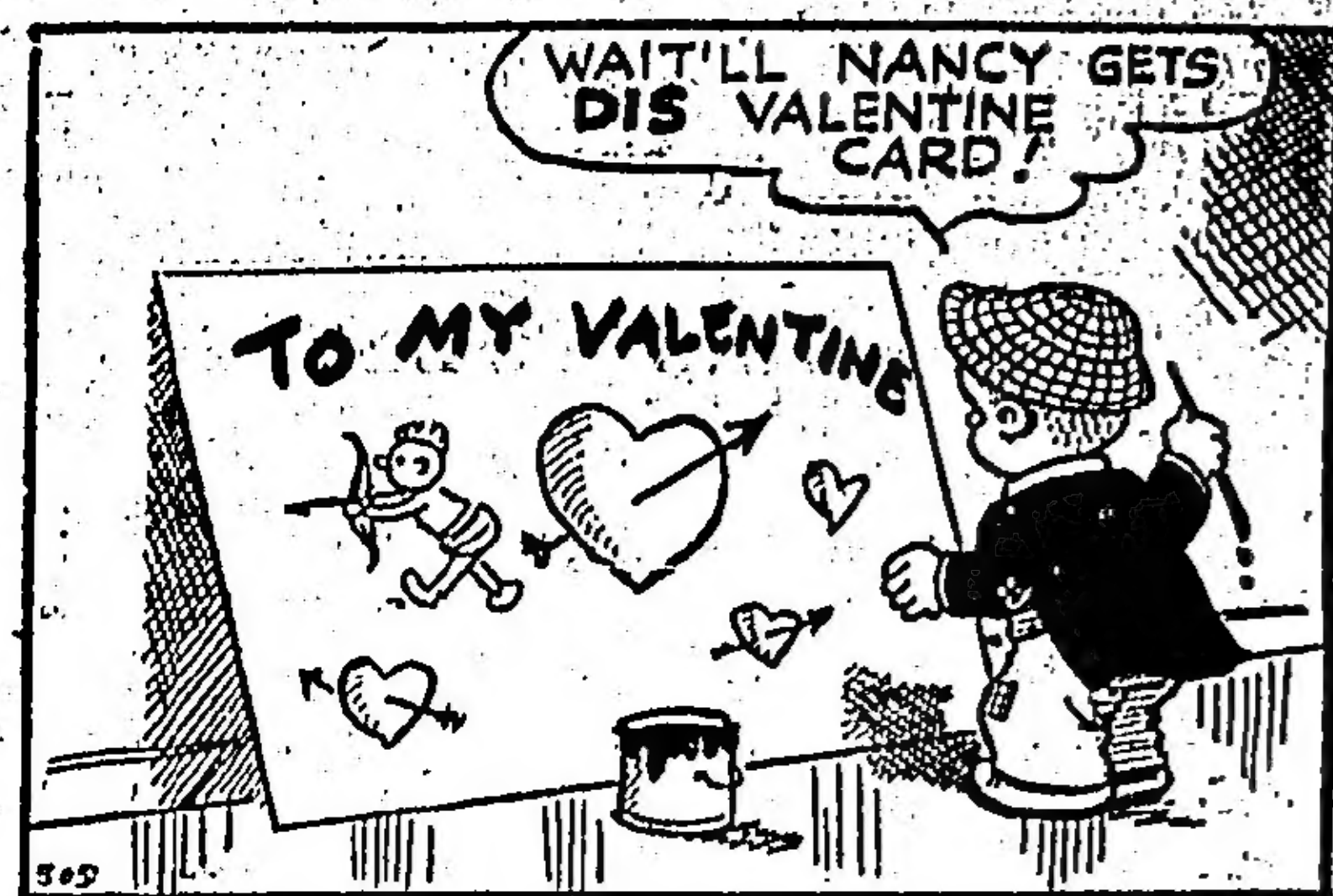
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Agriculture In Britain

Shortage Of Meat
LONDON, Apr. 3 (British Wire)—The Minister of Agriculture said in the House of Commons today that since 1914 the amount of arable land under crops had actually decreased by 4,500,000 acres. For every thousand acres of cultivated land in the last war, there were 1,105 human beings to be fed and the figure was now 1,524.
Between the outbreak of the last war and this war, the production of fodder and roots crops for live stock had fallen by no less than one third.
With regard to future policy, the Minister said that there was bound to be a meat shortage. The shortage of imported meat would continue for several months and British agriculture would have to step into the breach to make good the shortage to maintain the meat ration of the people.
Mr. Lloyd George, speaking in the debate, said that in this grave hour, the life of the nation depended on agriculture. We were rejoicing in stories of the most brilliant victories on land, at sea and in the air that have ever illumined the military annals of this country. They dazzled our eyes but we must take care that they did not blind them.

Strikes Serious

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP)—The Secretary of War, Colonel Henry Stimson, today asserted that the strikes are "seriously holding back" deliveries of army equipment, but he warned interested parties not to "mistake Uncle Sam's patience for weakness."

Release of Many Aliens In Britain and Empire

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Half of the 27,000 enemy aliens detained in Britain and their freedom under the White Paper publishing the categories of those eligible for release.
The latest figures of releases is 13,500, of whom approximately 1,300 are Italians and the remainder Germans and Austrians.
Six thousand of those detained went to Australia and Canada, and some hundreds of these also will now enjoy their liberty.
Between 8,000 and 9,000 enemy aliens are still interned in Britain and 5,000 overseas.
Nearly 2,000 were freed to enable them to enlist in the Pioneer Corps.
German Socialists
LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—German socialist organisations in Britain have banded together "to fight Hitler and his Allies with all the means at our disposal," according to a joint declaration issued today.
The declaration says: "German socialists in Britain are united in the conviction that the military defeat and overthrow of the Hitler regime, the final subjugation of German."

New Ambassadorship For Dr Koo?

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP)—It is reliably reported that Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to Vichy, will succeed Mr. Qiu T'ai-chi as Ambassador to London.

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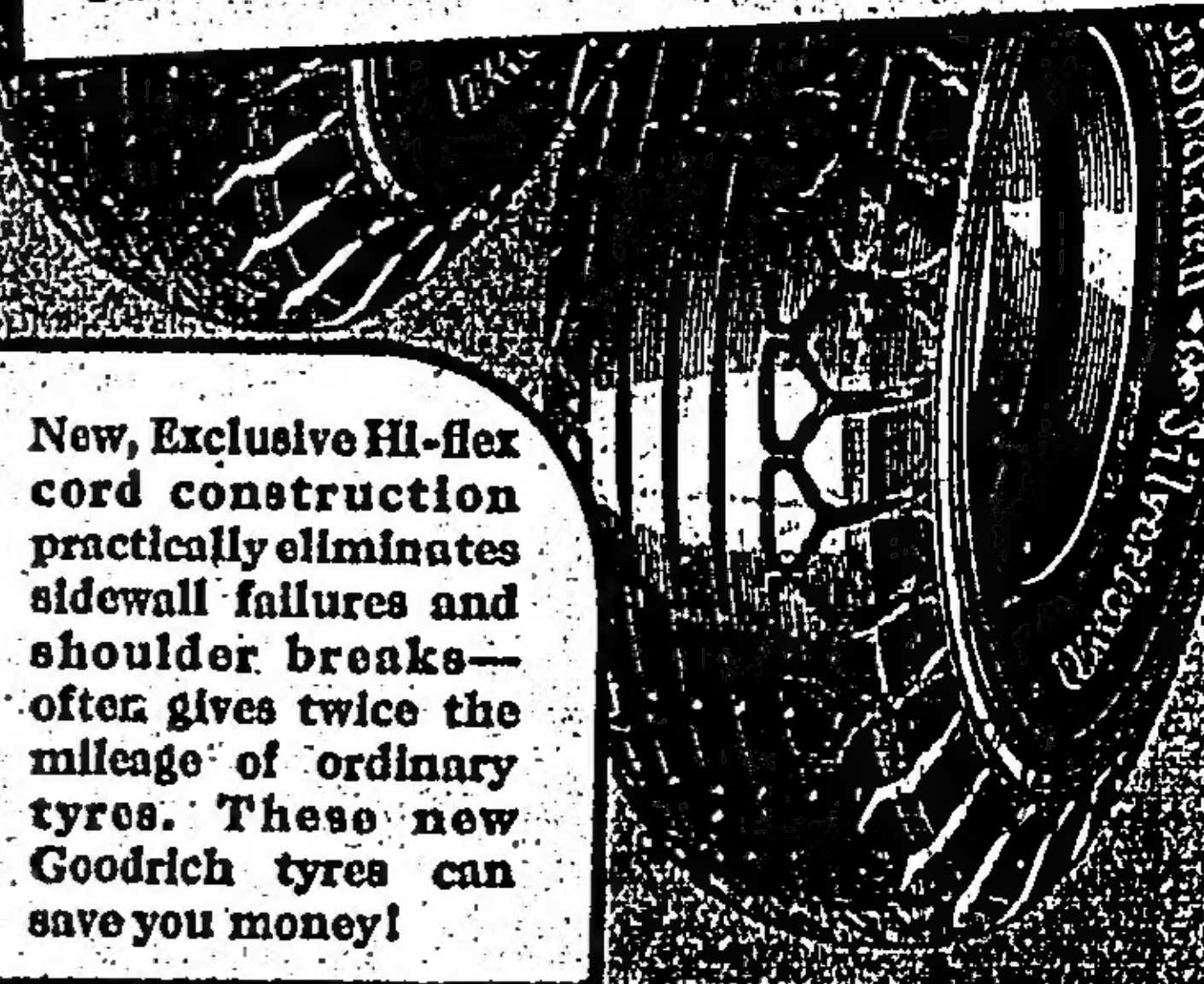


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MIAMI, Fla., Apr. 3 (UP)—A plane of the Eastern Air Lines, carrying 13 passengers, including the famous Surgeon, Dr. George Crile, has not been reported since it left West Palm Beach for Daytona at 8.10 a.m.

The plane encountered a severe hail storm near Fort Pierce. **Forced Landing**
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VERNO BEACH, Fla., Apr. 3 (UP)—The local Chief of Police has reported that the Eastern Air Lines plane made a forced landing here and that all of the 13 passengers are safe.

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Budapest Situation Is Tense

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pressure on Hungary to break with
Yugo-Slavia.

One of Count Teleki's proudest
successes was his agreement with
Yugo-Slavia, removing the causes of
political friction between the two
countries and establishing a basis of
peaceful collaboration in mutual con-
fidence and economic understanding.

Friendship With Yugo-Slavia
Germany evidently cannot tolerate
friendship between her vassal, Hun-
gary, and independent, spirited Yugo-
Slavia and Count Teleki, who had
shown courage and conscientiousness
in administration, felt the struggle
between his principles and German
pressure more than he could face.

He has taken the way out that seemed
to him easier.

There are many politicians in
Budapest who might be willing tools
of Germany but Admiral Horthy is
also a man of independent mould and
his choice of a successor to Count
Teleki may delay it if it does not cir-
cumvent the German plans.

Attitude of Bulgars

Bulgarians, who also were very
delighted with their pact of perpetual
friendship with Yugo-Slavia are
similarly being dragged into op-
position. The Bulgar-Serbian rap-
prochement was a very real thing and
had greatly contributed to the paci-
fication of the Balkans.

The Germans will not find it easy
to poison the relations between the
two peoples even if they drive the
Bulgarians into an appearance of
open enmity.

Axis May Attempt Libyan Offensive

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where the impression had become
widespread during the last few days
that the operations at Alghella and
Agadaba were of a local minor
character.

The wording of the Cairo an-
nouncement is interpreted to mean
there has been no battle since Beng-
hazi was evacuated prior to the ar-
rival of the Axis troops. It is pointed
out that in desert warfare, the im-
portant factor is the loss of men and
materials rather than the local loss
of territory. The British did not
suffer any material losses although
they shattered General Graziani's
army in the original offensive.

"Thief Of Bagdad" For Oriental

In keeping with their confirmed
policy of giving patrons of their
theatre the best value for their money,
the management of the Oriental
Theatre are putting on the "Thief of
Bagdad" for a short season starting
from Wednesday, April 3.

When roadshow at the King's
Theatre a short time ago the "Thief
of Bagdad" drew capacity houses at
every performance. In Bombay,
Colombo, Singapore and Macao, all
attendance records were broken, in
Shanghai, it ran for 15 days at the
Nanking Theatre and 23 days at the
Metropole Theatre at advance prices,
the receipts for the run was \$336,658
which is nearly \$100,000 more than
the previous record for "Gone with
the Wind."

Vic Hugo, manager of the Oriental
Theatre has just concluded negotia-
tions with Mr Joe C. Goltz, Far East-
ern representative for the United
Artists Corporation for the rights to
show this picture at the Oriental
Theatre at popular prices and this
will be the first time "Thief of Bagdad"
has been shown at less than road-
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LATE NEWS

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Belgrade Prepares For Air Raids

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check, has accepted the Vice-
Premiership in the new Yugo-Slav
Government, it is officially announ-
ced.

Dr. Mathek is leaving Zagreb for
Belgrade where he will join the
Simovitch Cabinet as Vice-Premier,
confident that every effort will be
made to preserve peace.

In an interview, he said: "I con-
sider it my duty to do all I can to
maintain peace—the supreme benefit
of humanity—and I have a profound
conviction that the present leaders
of Serbia and the people of Serbia
are as sincerely for peace as I am."

Colony Population

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hollow concrete blocks, four feet in
height, which could, if necessary, be
built up, between every three veran-
dah pillars. These walls would be
spaced out, so that no inconvenience
will be caused to house-holders.

An experiment in this form of
shelter had already been tried out in
Lockhart Road, and the Department
was awaiting Government's opinion
regarding them.

No date has yet been fixed for the
next black-out practice, which the
Department hopes to hold in the
middle of this month. Government ap-
proval had not yet been obtained.

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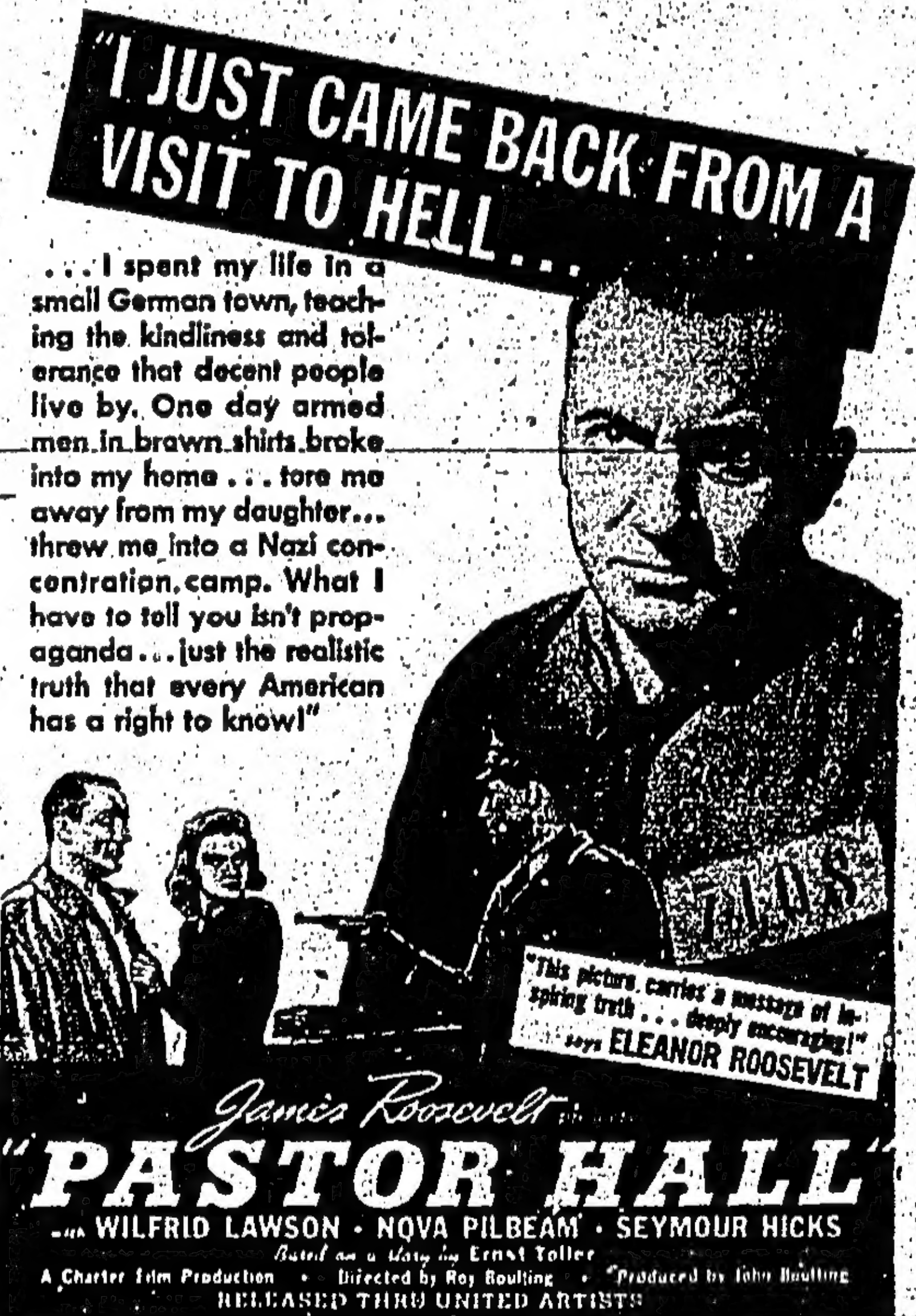


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